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THREE MONTHS HARD FOR KONG

CONSPIRACY TO UTTER FORGED DOLLAR NOTES

SEQUEL TO GUIMARAES CASE

JURY RETURNS UNANIMOUS VERDICT OF "GUILTY."

Kong Sze-yik, who was acquitted in September, when charged jointly with Leo Artur Guimaraes with larceny of \$7,000 from Wong To-po, on the pretext of changing the notes for 1,000 forged \$10 notes, appeared before the Puisne Judge (Mr. R. E. Lindell) at the opening of the November Assizes this morning, charged with conspiracy.

Mr. H. Somerset Fitzroy, Assistant Attorney-General, appeared for the Crown, while the accused, who was defended by Mr. Hin-shing Lo at the September Assizes, was not legally represented.

The statement of offence against Kong Sze-yik on the new charge was, that he on or about July 23 or 24 conspired with Wong To-po and one Pang to utter 1,000 \$10 forged notes of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank.

He pleaded "not guilty."

His Lordship directed the Chinese Interpreter to explain to the accused that the charge was not the same as that preferred against him in September. Then he was charged with stealing good notes, but now the charge was one of conspiracy to plant forged notes.

The accused replied that he understood the difference, and repeated his plea of "not guilty."

Mr. Fitzroy then outlined the principal points of the case. This was practically a repetition of the facts as given at the double trial in September, stating that the accused acted as a broker for a set of people who had got together to get other people to purchase forged notes.

The accused got into touch with Wong To-po through a man named Pang on the first floor of 17, Aberdeen Street and later Wong was taken to 8, Caine Road, then the residence of the Guimaraes brothers, both of whom have been sentenced for larceny. There Wong To-po parted with \$7,000 of which he said the accused took \$1,500 as his commission, but the accused, in evidence at the September trial stated that he took only \$1,000 and that Wong received \$500 for persuading a relative of his to buy the notes.

He would call only two witnesses, the man Wong To-po and Inspector K. Andrew, who was in Court during the September trial, to testify as to the evidence the accused then gave, and suggested that the jury would find no difficulty in arriving at the conclusion that the accused did conspire to utter forged notes, knowing them to be forged and with intent to defraud. This would be made clear from statements which he made to Wong To-po prior to taking him to 6, Caine Road, by the production of two samples to Wong To-po for which the latter gave a deposit of \$40, and from the evidence which the accused himself gave in that Court before the same learned judge in September.

The two notes which were purported to be forged were subsequently given back to one of the Guimaraes brothers by Wong To-po who got back his deposit of \$40. Wong did not get any forged notes for the \$7,000 he parted with because after the money was handed over there were certain occurrences as the result of which the gang decamped. Wong stuck to the accused, however, and re-

JUNK PIRATED NEAR PING HOI

of 198 counterfeit coins at Wan-chai.

This case was continued in the afternoon.

Juror Challenged.

Amongst the jurors called in connection with the trial of Kong Sze-yik on a charge of conspiracy, before the Puisne Judge at the Assizes this morning, was Mr. G. A. Figueiredo.

Mr. Fitzroy obtained the permission of his Lordship to ask Mr. Figueiredo if he was related to the Guimaraes brothers, saying that in the interest of justice it would not do to have serving on the jury anyone who was interested in the parties concerned.

Mr. Figueiredo replied that he was not a relative of the Guimaraes and was accordingly allowed to serve.

Absent Juror.

Another juror called in this case was Mr. F. Danenberg Alves. He failed to answer to his name which was called three times by the Usher, and accordingly another juror was called to serve in his stead.

NO SILVER CONFERENCE.

STABILISATION OF THE £.

Rugby, Yesterday. In the House of Commons at question time, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, stated that there were a number of important conditions, some not subject to Government's control, which must be satisfied before the stabilisation of the sterling, in terms of gold, could be contemplated. Government's immediate object was to balance the Budget, to rectify the adverse trade balance, and to maintain the internal purchasing power of the £.

Replying to another question, he said that for reasons already stated, Government did not consider any useful purpose would be served by calling an International Conference on Silver.—British Wireless Service.

BRITAIN'S ANTI-DUMPING BILL.

Opposition Again Defeated.

LABOUR HOSTILITY.

London, Yesterday. The Labour Party's hostility to Government's anti-dumping proposals manifested itself in the House of Commons this evening when, after Mr. Baldwin had moved the suspension of certain standing orders to enable the Bill to be passed in three days instead of the normal six, Mr. Lansbury moved rejection of the motion which, however, was carried by 396 votes to 51.

Mr. Runciman then moved the formal financial resolution required to form the basis of the Bill empowering the Board of Trade to impose customs duties up to 100 per cent. on the value of articles imported in abnormal quantities. He said that this covered all articles, except food, drink, tobacco, raw materials, and articles mainly unmanufactured.

It was officially announced that imports from the Dominions will have a 100 per cent. preference under the Anti-Dumping Bill.—Reuter.

First Reading.

The House of Commons to-day passed Mr. Runciman's financial

A piracy, which occurred in Chinese Territory yesterday, was reported to the Police this morning.

Mak Fu, part-owner and master of the trading boat, "Chun Kee," states that the affair occurred yesterday morning, near Ping Hoi, in Chinese waters. He was proceeding to Shaui-kiwan from San Mui, with a cargo of 13 pigs and 48 chickens, valued at \$320. Two other foks were with him when the piracy took place. The first intimation they had was when a three-masted boat, slightly larger than his own, fired a shot gun. No one on the boat was hit. There were five men in the attacking craft, and they called upon him to stop. Not being armed he did so. The pirates boarded the boat. Some of them were armed with knives. They took away his cargo, and also himself, leaving the two foks in charge. A quantity of clothing was also stolen. The pirates landed him at Shaui-kiwan last night.

The direction of their retreat is unknown, but the master described the men as fishermen.

resolution through all stages. Then the Anti-Dumping Bill (officially known as the Abnormal Importation Customs Duties Bill) was read for the first time. The text of the Bill, which was subsequently published, lays down that where the Board of Trade is satisfied that abnormal quantities of goods, falling within the scope of the Bill, are being imported, it may issue an order applying the Bill to them. Such order must be laid before the House of Commons within twenty-eight days of the date on which it was made.—Reuter.

ARMED ROBBERY.

A daring armed robbery occurred in Canton Road this morning, when four women were held up in their home by armed robbers and relieved of valuables to the amount of \$400.

TSANG FOO VILLAS MURDER.

Trial at the Assizes Opens.

FOUR CHINESE CHARGED.

The tragic night of September 26 last, at Tsang Foo Villas, Kowloon Old City, when six Japanese people were brutally murdered by a very hostile Chinese crowd, numbering nearly a thousand strong, was dramatically recalled in the Criminal Sessions this morning when four men, Wong Hong, Lai Tung-hoi, Tsang Cheung and Cheung Kam-chi, and a boy, Wong Ka-hung, were arraigned before the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C.) on the capital charge.

The Crown case is being conducted by the Attorney General (the Hon. Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C.) instructed by Mr. T. S. Whyte-Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor), whilst the defence of all five prisoners is in the hands of Mr. W. N. Thomas Tam (instructed by Wilkinson and Grist).

The following jury is empanelled—Messrs G. A. Pentreath (Foreman) R. C. Lee, Li Tin Sit, Lam Chong-chung, M.A., de Souza, A. G. Pile, and L. H. Ruffin.

When the charge was read to them, prisoners all pleaded "Not Guilty."

Case For Crown.

In his opening, the Attorney General said in part:—"Prisoners are charged, in this case, with murder—murder of six people, five members of the Yamashita family, and their maid servant, all of whom were found murdered on the roof of Tsang Foo Villas, Kowloon Old City, between 9.35 and 10.15 on the night of September 26. It was not a murder by the individual—it was murder by a mob—a hostile mob who attacked the villa where these people resided, and broke in although the doors were locked and barricaded and went there with the purpose of destroying property and severely injuring or killing the Japanese occupants."

Counsel pointed out that in law, and in all good sense, persons who took part as members of a mob, were equally guilty of the acts of that mob. It would not be necessary to show, nor would the Crown attempt to show, that anyone of the prisoners struck a single blow aimed at the people who were murdered, but all five of them were there, all five of them forced their way into the house and all five of them were caught on the roof or upper floors. The boy was not arrested on the roof where the murders took place. He was arrested on a window ledge on the level of the first floor of the adjoining building.

These people were part of a hostile mob that "went mad" on the night in question. It was a moonlight night and one could see clearly what was going on outside the house and on the roof. Inside the house it was very dark, owing to the shutters being closed.

Counsel then proceeded to produce plans of locality and explained that Kowloon City Police Station was three quarters of a mile from Tsang Foo Villas. The hostile crowd came through the lane, crossed over into the compound, and made a violent attack, first by throwing stones at the windows, and then by breaking into the house by the side door, and driving the occupants up to the roof. An iron door on the roof kept the angry mob back for about an hour. Mr. Yamashita defended his family and himself with a Japanese sword, until he was overpowered, and he and his family were slain—probably by that sword. Brooms and pieces of broken furniture were found on the roof, whilst iron bars and the like were picked up in the grounds.

Police Open Fire.

Counsel then explained the movement of the Police, stating that Sergeant Wheeler was forced

GANDHI'S ASTOUNDING DEMAND!

MARKING TIME IN PARIS.

Japanese Attitude Stiffens

U.S. COGITATING.

Paris, Yesterday. There has been much activity here to-day.

Two of the most interesting interviews that took place being between Mr. Matsudaira and Sir John Simon, and Dr. Sze and General Dawes.

Practical Solution Urgent. The feeling in Chinese quarters here continues to be that a practical solution of the present situation in Manchuria is most urgent, and that theoretical questions, such as treaties, should be reserved for ultimate discussion when there is no further risk of bloodshed.

Japanese Attitude Stiffens. The gap between Chinese and Japanese demands remains as big as ever in spite of exhaustive conversations to-day. The maximum requirements having been presented to M. Briand, it is understood the Japanese attitude has slightly stiffened.

Discussions. Sir John Simon took a prominent part in the discussions consisting of the most elaborate comparison of the two points that stand out, but the Council decided that there was insufficient

CONGRESS WANTS ENTIRE CONTROL OF ARMY

OTHERWISE DISBAND IT

A TERRIBLE RESPONSIBILITY NO STATESMAN COULD ASSUME.

Rugby, Yesterday. During further discussion to-day in the Round Table Federal Structure Committee on reserved subjects, Lord Reading referred to the proposal made by Pandit Malaviya that complete control of the Army should lie with the Indian Minister responsible to the Legislature and that the Governor General's only right of intervention would be in an emergency by suspending the Constitution.

Unworkable. Lord Reading said, it would place the Governor-General in a most awkward predicament, and would be unworkable. It was essential that, if responsibility at the centre was to be conferred upon the Indian Legislature, which he himself desired, the Army must be in the hands of the Governor General, and that the Minister must be responsible to him. Any proposal for responsibility by the Government would be unacceptable to him, if it did not make that exception. It was a mistake to assume that conditions were to be the same after they got the new Consti-

tution as hitherto. They must get into a different mentality, and he hoped that, when the Legislature was constituted, and the Federal Constitution in existence, it would be found that so far from there being conflict or hostility between the Ministry and the Governor General there would be most friendly co-operation and continuous consultation. He did not care what means were adopted for this purpose, provided that control and responsibility for the Army remained with the Governor General throughout, and he had the right of appointing an adviser who would not be a Member of the Cabinet, in a strict sense, because he would be responsible to the Governor General and not to the Legislature.

Step by Step. Lord Sankey drew attention to the paragraph in the last report which stated that there was general agreement that assumption by India of all powers and responsibilities hitherto resting on Parliament could not be made at one step, and that during the period of transition the Governor General should be responsible for defence and must be at liberty to acknowledge and give powers necessary to implement his decision.

MINORITIES' COMMITTEE'S LAMENT

data as regards treaties, the recognition of which Japan demands. Delegates were of the opinion that some of the treaties were purely economic, raising the question of interpretation rather than validity. Therefore, a great advance would be secured, if the actual points at dispute were isolated.

U.S. Considering How Far to Go.

Washington, Yesterday. Though Mr. Stimson flatly denies the newspaper story that assurances have been given to the Japanese Ambassador that the United States will not follow the League in an economic boycott of Japan or withdraw its diplomatic representatives from Japan, the United States has decided to think for itself over the question of eventual sanctions. That is obvious from the explanation given by Mr. Stimson to-day that General Dawes is staying out from the League Council's meetings in Paris because the United States is not ready to decide how far it can accompany the League towards forceful measures against Japan.—Reuter.

to open fire from the roof, to quell the advance of the crowd below. Sergeant Dolg, who went through the rear premises, found himself absolutely jammed in by the crowd. When he got on to the roof, he saw the bodies.

When Sergeant Butcher first entered the premises, he did not know that there were Japanese on the roof, otherwise he would have forced his way up quicker.

Mr. James T. Smalley, medical officer in charge of Kowloon Hospital, gave testimony, regarding the wounds received by the Japanese victims.

Replying to Mr. Tam, Dr. Smalley said the wounds would have been caused by a sword or a chopper but not by a dagger.

Mr. C. Grimes, of the P.W.D., gave evidence in support of plans of the locality.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The report of the Minorities sub-committee was circulated last night subject to amendment on the basis of any comments received to-day by the Prime Minister from members.

The report traces the efforts made since its reassembly to secure agreement upon the various minority claims, and records the informal negotiations which proceeded alongside the four formal meetings of the committee.

Appendices contain suggestions and the views of various groups and individuals, including the agreement reached by representatives of the Moslems and certain other minorities last week. The report says, the committee has to record with deep regret that it has been unable to reach any agreed conclusion, and refers to the suggestions made at various times that the British Government should settle the dispute on its own authority, but adds, that these were accompanied by such important reservations as to offer little prospect of an award securing harmonious working.

Finally, it records the Prime Minister's offer to give a decision of temporary validity, if every member of the committee would pledge himself to work the scheme loyally, pending a permanent settlement by the interested parties.—British Wireless Service.

BANK NOTES CASE.

Acquitted, when charged jointly with Leo Artur Guimaraes at the September Assizes for larceny of \$7,000, (in connection with the bank notes fraud case), Kong Sze-yik appeared before the Puisne Judge and a jury at the November Assizes, this morning, charged with conspiracy to utter forged bank notes. After a short trial, in which only two witnesses were called, the jury found Kong guilty, and taking into consideration the fact that he had been in custody since July, Mr. Justice R. E. Lindell passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

Disband or Complete Control.

Mr. Gandhi said that Congress's case was that complete responsibility should be transferred to India. That meant, there should be complete control over the Army and external affairs, but it also contemplated adjustments. The whole Army should be disbanded, if it did not pass under their control in its entirety.

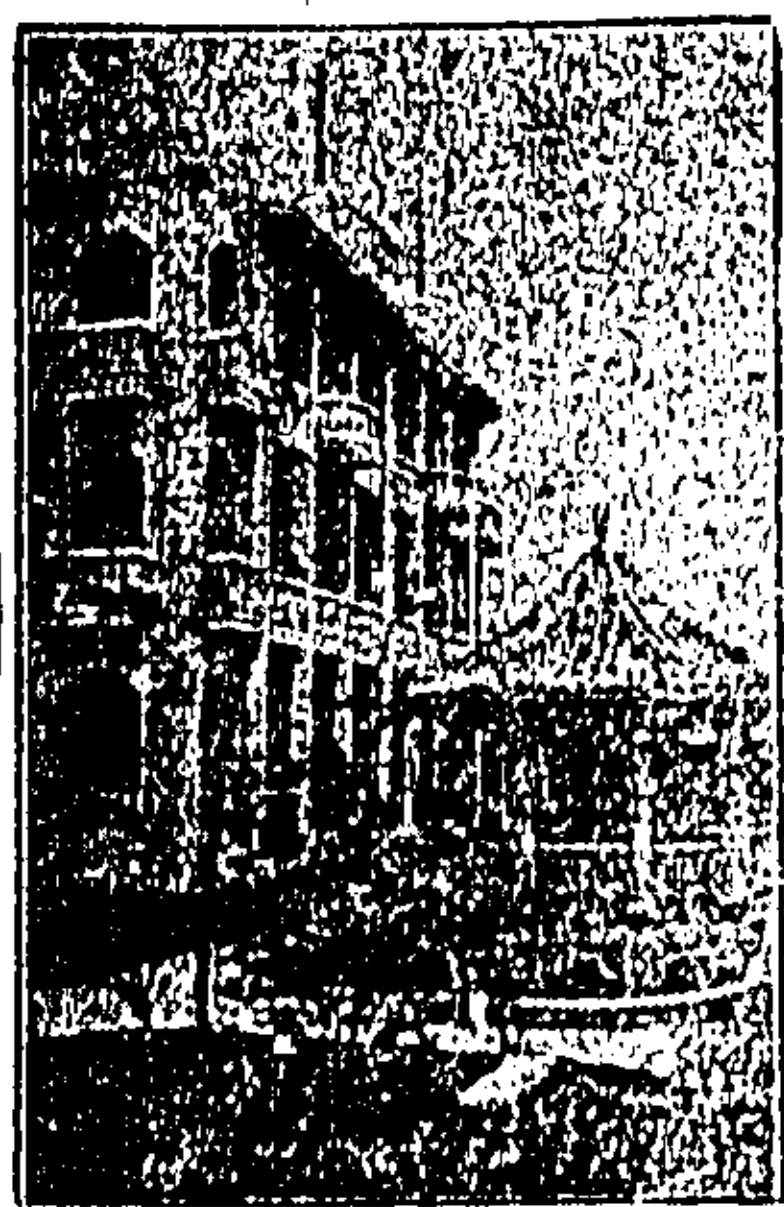
Too Grave a Responsibility. Lord Sankey said that Mr. Gandhi was asking them to take a terrible responsibility in urging the withdrawal of the Army, or its reduction to such a size as to make it inconsistent with safety. It was a responsibility that no Statesman, who had a real regard for the interests of India could justify himself in assuming.

Remain Crown Subjects.

Mr. Sastri dissociated himself, and some others of the Hindu delegates, from the opinions expressed by Mr. Gandhi. He was of the same opinion as early last year when they decided that the Army and external affairs had best remain Crown subjects during the period of transition. It was with great gratification, he said, that he heard Lord Reading re-affirm approval of the principle of responsibility at the centre. The amount of responsibility for which they asked, even with these two great subjects, the Army and external affairs excluded, was sufficient to afford an honourable and satisfactory basis for settlement.—British Wireless Service.

RAISING TAXES ON IMPORTS INTO FRANCE.

Paris, Yesterday. Government has tabled an urgent Bill increasing the importation tax on semi-finished articles from two to four per cent, and on finished articles from two to six per cent. The tax on raw materials remains at two per cent.—Reuter.



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ROUND THE LOCAL
CINEMAS.Reviews from Official
Sources.

'A WARM CORNER'

One of the outstanding screen comedies of this, and many years — "A Warm Corner" — comes to the King's Theatre very shortly.

This comedy — a British production adapted from the celebrated Prince's Theatre, London, play — sets out to tickle the risible faculties of audiences, and it does so with a gusto and a success that leave the spectator panting for the laughs come thick and fast and continuous.

This is not to be wondered at seeing that the chief fun-maker in the play is Leslie Henson, perhaps our premier comedian. Henson's face play in the picture is itself a rich comedy. His bustle, his comedy sense displayed in a hundred gestures and movements, and his clever use of his voice — this is his first "talkie" — keep the merriest at top note in an endless succession of irresistibly humorous situations.

'STRANGERS MAY KISS.'

Those Hollywood gentlemen whose necks are so rough they have to wear sandpaper collars always boast of a youth spent in waterfront dives and the forecastles of tramp steamers. George Bancroft, Charles Bickford and Jim Tully have all shipped before the mast. But one hardly expects a slim, young leading man like Robert Montgomery, whose speciality is an almost Chesterfieldian suavity, to have been a sailor.

But Montgomery, who is now playing at the Queen's Theatre, opposite Norma Shearer, in "Strangers May Kiss," was a sailor for two years. However, Montgomery does not uphold the hard-boiled traditions of the sea. One

UNCLAIMED TELEGRAMS.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the office of the Great Northern Telegraph Company (Limited) of Denmark:

Roberto Smith, Repulse Bay Hotel, from Shanghai.
Roberto Herrera, Peninsula Hotel, from Tokyo.

H. EFFERSON,
Actg. Superintendent.
Hong Kong, November 11, 1931.

The following unclaimed telegrams are lying at the E.E. Telegraph Co. Office, Hong Kong:

Carmen Shear, 1, Wing Lock Building, Kowloon, from Shanghai.
Mr. F. Gregory, Room 343, Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon, from Nottingham.

S. LACK,
Manager.
Hong Kong, November 12, 1931.

finds him apt to de-bunk the horrors of life before the mast.
Other featured players include Neil Hamilton, Marjorie Rambeau, and Irene Rich.



Alan Dinklage, as a novelist in the Fox comedy, "Hold Everything," shows local color for his own novel, "The Lips of Sally O'Neil."

'HOLD EVERYTHING.'

As a musical comedy star, Winnie Lightner has long been a familiar figure, singing one of her rollicking blues songs before a prancing line of beautiful chorus girls. For three years she was one of the stars of George White's "Scandals," and also appeared as the features player in "Gay Paree."

Now she duplicates her stage appearances in "Hold Everything," the all-colour Vitaphone production by Warner Bros. coming to the Queen's Theatre shortly.

Other parts are played by Georges Carpentier, famous French boxer, and Sally O'Neil.

'THE SMILING LIEUTENANT.'

The "Lubitsch plan," a revolutionary and novel means of simultaneous shooting of a dual scene, has been introduced by the famous director in the filming of "The Smiling Lieutenant" at the Paramount New York studio, which opens at the King's Theatre on December 6.

The method was successfully used in the recording and photographing of two contrasting episodes, both of which reflect on the same incident. The sequence is one in which Miriam Hopkins as Princess Anna, describes her affection for her new husband, Maurice Chevalier, while at the moment, in another part of the city, that husband is making love to Claudette Colbert, the other girl.

Both episodes were shot at the same time. The contrasting settings were placed at opposite ends of a large stage in the middle of which two cameras were mounted back to back. An orchestra of thirty-one pieces was ready just off stage as the action began.

Miss Hopkins, singing to three ladies-in-waiting, tells of how romantic Chevalier appears and how charming and courteous he is. After her quatrains Chevalier and Miss Colbert take up the next verse on the other side of the stage with the action in direct contradiction to those qualities Miss Hopkins described.

The musical accompaniment continues throughout the scene.

William Porter, at one time a teller in the Glasgow branch of the National Bank of Scotland, was sentenced at Edinburgh to three years' penal servitude on charges of theft, embezzlement and uttering forged documents, involving £3,383. The offences were committed in 1926, in which year Porter absconded to Canada.

RADIO

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres:

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.
6-6.30 p.m.—Chinese Children's Programme.

7-10.30 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records.
7.4-7.31 p.m.—Band Selections.

Barcarolle (Tschalkowski), Valse Crole (Tschalkowski), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

Petticoat Lane (Arr. Parry), Russian Fantasy (Arr. Lange & Somers), Debroy Somers' Band.

Old Folks at Home & In Foreign Lands (C. J. Roberts), Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards.

7.31-7.58 p.m.—Vocal Gems from Light Opera.
Lilac Time (Ross and Schubert arr. Cluisam), Columbia Light Opera Co.

A Country Girl (Rubens, Ross & Monckton), Columbia Light Opera Co.
The Chocolate Soldier (S. Strange & Oscar Straus), Columbia Light Opera Co.

8 p.m.—Local Time.
8.03-8.30 p.m.—Mon' Lac (G. M. Witkowski), Played by Robert Casadeus (Pianist) and Orchestre Symphonique of Paris conducted by the Composer.

8.30-8.58 p.m.—Musical Comedy & Talkie Tunes.
Lucky Girl Selections, Jack Payne & His B.B.C. Dance Orchestra.

The Singing Fool Selections, Debroy Somers' Band.
Shows of Shows Selections, The Regal Cinema Orchestra.

On With The Show 1929 Selections, Debroy Somers' Band.
8.58-10.2 p.m.—Variety.

Vocal Duet—Rio Rita—If You're In Love You'll Waltz, Rio Rita, Edith Day & Geoffrey Gwyther. Humorous Monologue—The Fisherman, Billy Bennett.

Miniature Musical Comedies—The Gipsy Girl, Mark Dally, Raymond Newell, Emmie Joyce, Billy Leonard, Norman Williams & Chorus. Williams & Chorus.

Song—Singing A Song To The Stars, Sing A Happy Little Thing, Ukulele Ike.

Chorus—Poor Ned and Other Limericks, Bonnie Wee Things, Harold Williams & The B.B.C. Male Chorus.

Duet—(a) Piano Impressions, (b) The British Fantomime, Mrs. Peer Gynt, Mr. Flotsam & Mr. Jetsam.

Comedy Sketch—The Fourth Form At St. Michael's, Will Hay & His Scholars.

Song—Jogging Along Behind The Old Grey Mare, A Little Bungalow, Bobby Grey & Whispering Chorus.

Accordion Trio—(A Romance), The Deveydt Brothers.

10.2-10.20 p.m.—Octets. Everybody's Melodies (Arr. J. H. Squire), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

Chant Sans Parole Invitations to the Valse, (Weber Arr. Sear), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet.

10.30 p.m.—Close Down. All the records in the above European Programmes are kindly supplied by the Anderson Music Company.

SHADOWS BEFORE

COMING EVENTS ADVERTISED
IN CHINA MAIL.

Social Functions.

To-day—Entertainment by Les Dejeans and William Rimels, Repulse Bay Hotel.

To-day—Tea Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, King's Restaurant and Lane, Crawford's; Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-day—Interport Cricketers' dinner, Government House.

To-morrow—Cricketer Interport Dinner, Hong Kong Hotel.

Friday—R. E. Old Comrades Association Annual Dinner, Hotel Cecil, 8 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre: "The Brat."

To-day—Queen's Theatre: "Strangers May Kiss."

To-day—Central Theatre: "So This Is Paradise."

To-day—Maestri Theatre: "The Vagabond King."

To-day—Star Theatre: "One Mad Kiss."

To-day—Matinee "Dear Brutus," Theatre Royal, 5.15 p.m.

To-morrow—"Dear Brutus" by A.D.C., Theatre Royal, 9.15 p.m.

Concerts.
Friday—The Schneider Trio in Two Chamber Music Recitals, Helena May Institute, 9.20 p.m.

Thursday—Concert, Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Home Malls.
To-morrow—Inward from Europe via Suez (Corfu); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Empress of Asia), 8 p.m.

STANDARD TIMES.

Sunrise and Sunset
in Colony.

Sunrise and Sunset in Hong Kong for November, 1931, Standard time of the 120th Meridian, East of Greenwich, are as follows:—

	Sunrise	Sunset
	a.m.	p.m.
18	6.37	5.59
19	6.38	5.59
20	6.38	5.59
21	6.39	5.59
22	6.40	5.58
23	6.40	5.58
24	6.41	5.58
25	6.42	5.58
26	6.43	5.58
27	6.43	5.58
28	6.44	5.58
29	6.45	5.58
30	6.46	5.58

CLUTCH OF TORTOISE EGGS.

Manchester Garden Discovery.

A tortoise has been living in a garden belonging to Mr. Wentworth in Wyverne Road, Chorlton-cum-Hardy, Manchester, since Whitsun. Some few weeks ago, when its owner was digging up some roots, he discovered five eggs of a size and hue that were unfamiliar. They were buried in the soil about nine inches deep, and as neither Mr. Wentworth nor any of the members of his family were able to identify the eggs, and did not associate the tortoise with them, they were taken to the Manchester University, where they were recognised and kept as curiosities.

Mr. J. H. Iles, of Belle Vue, says that it is a rare occurrence for a tortoise to lay an egg in Britain, and rarer still for an egg to be hatched.

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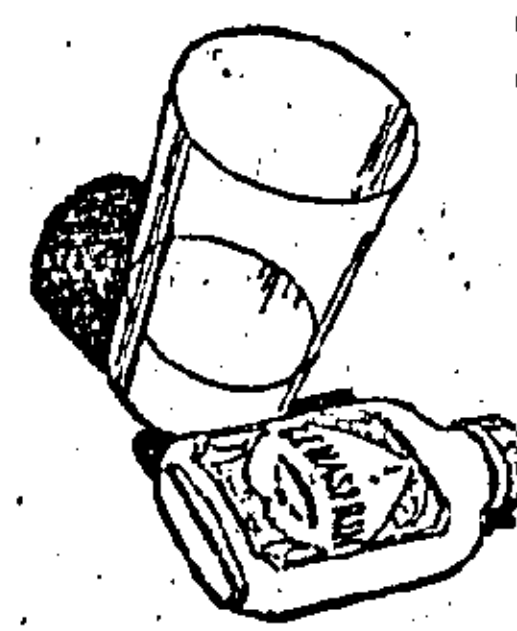
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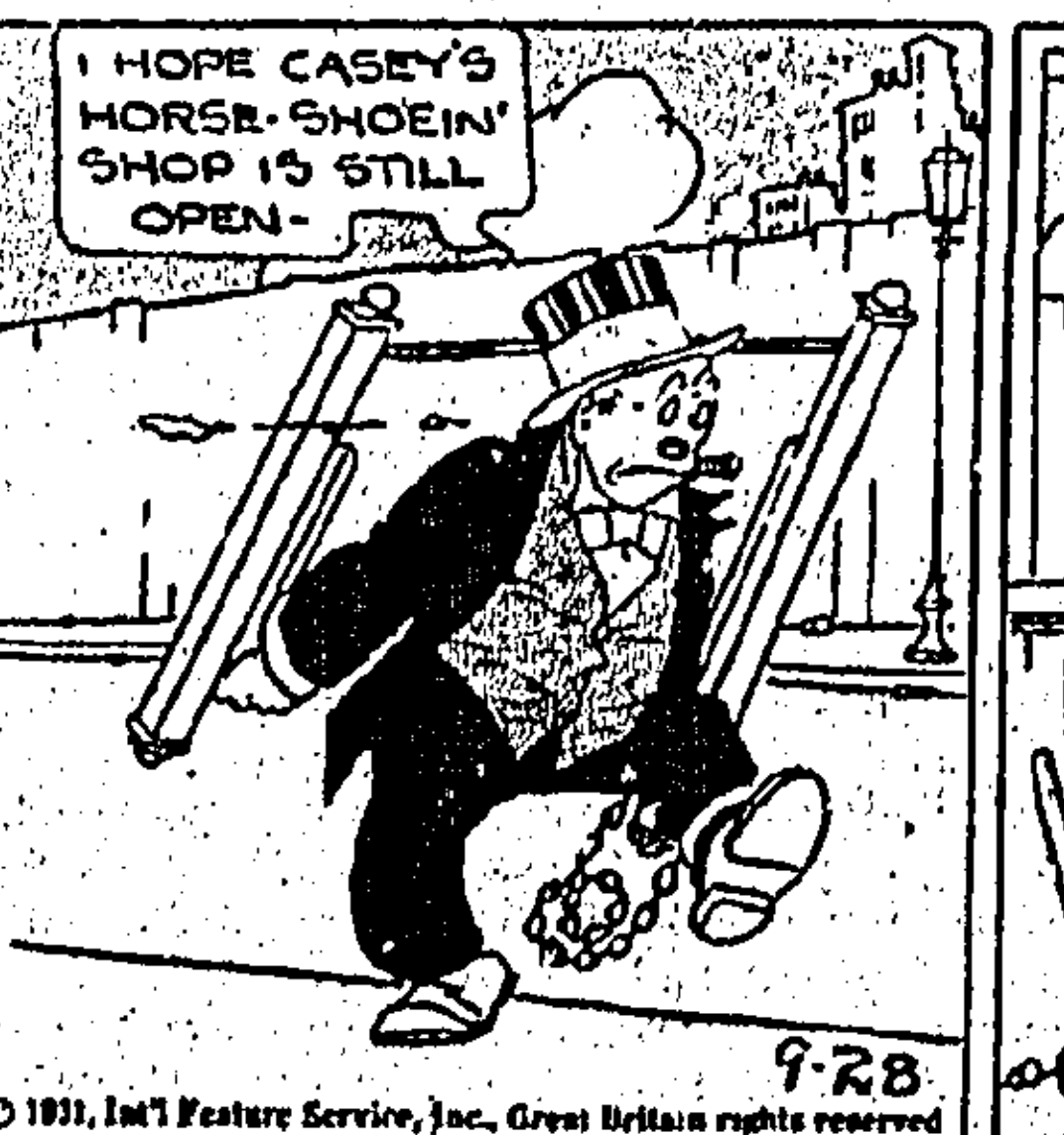
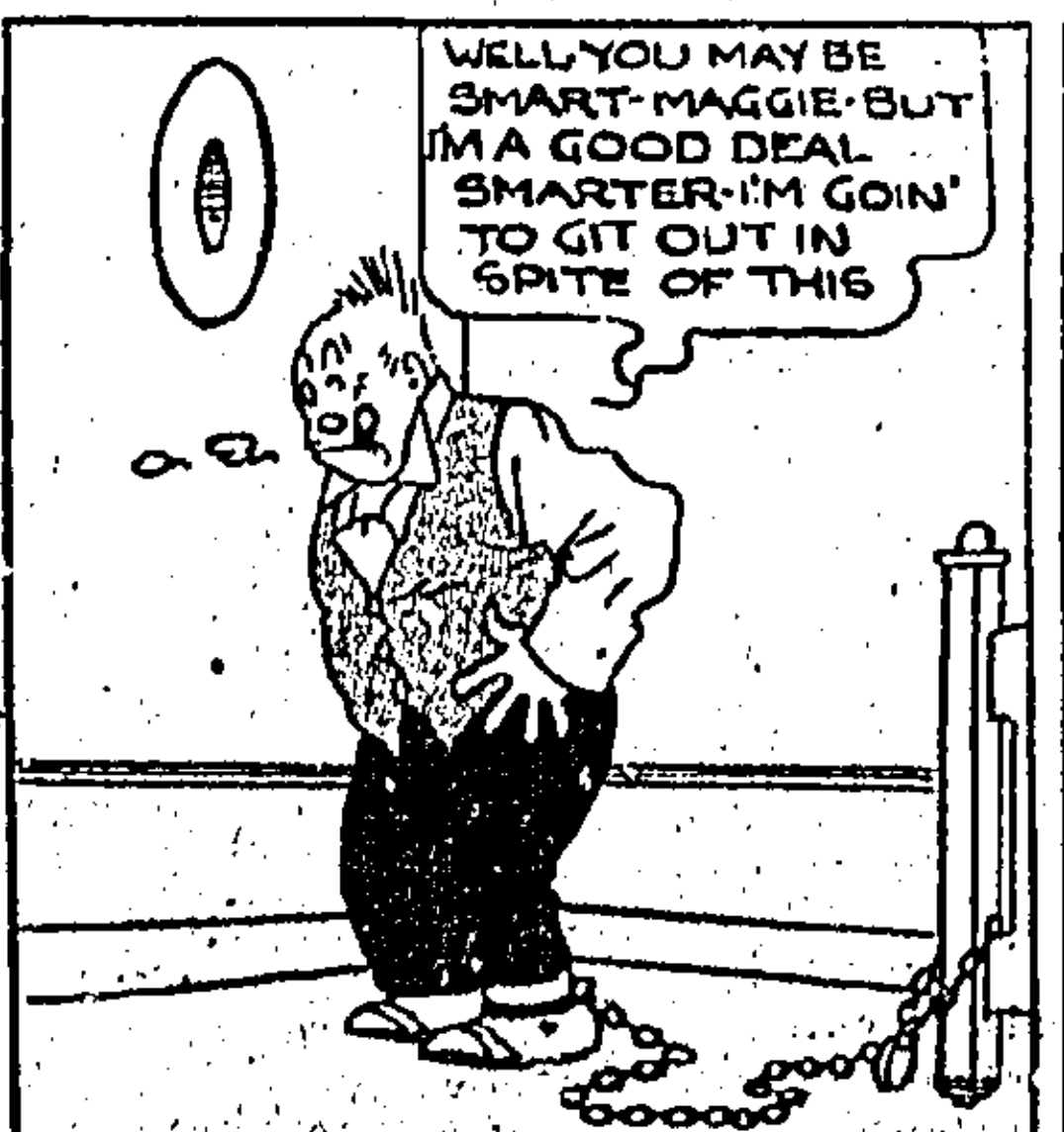
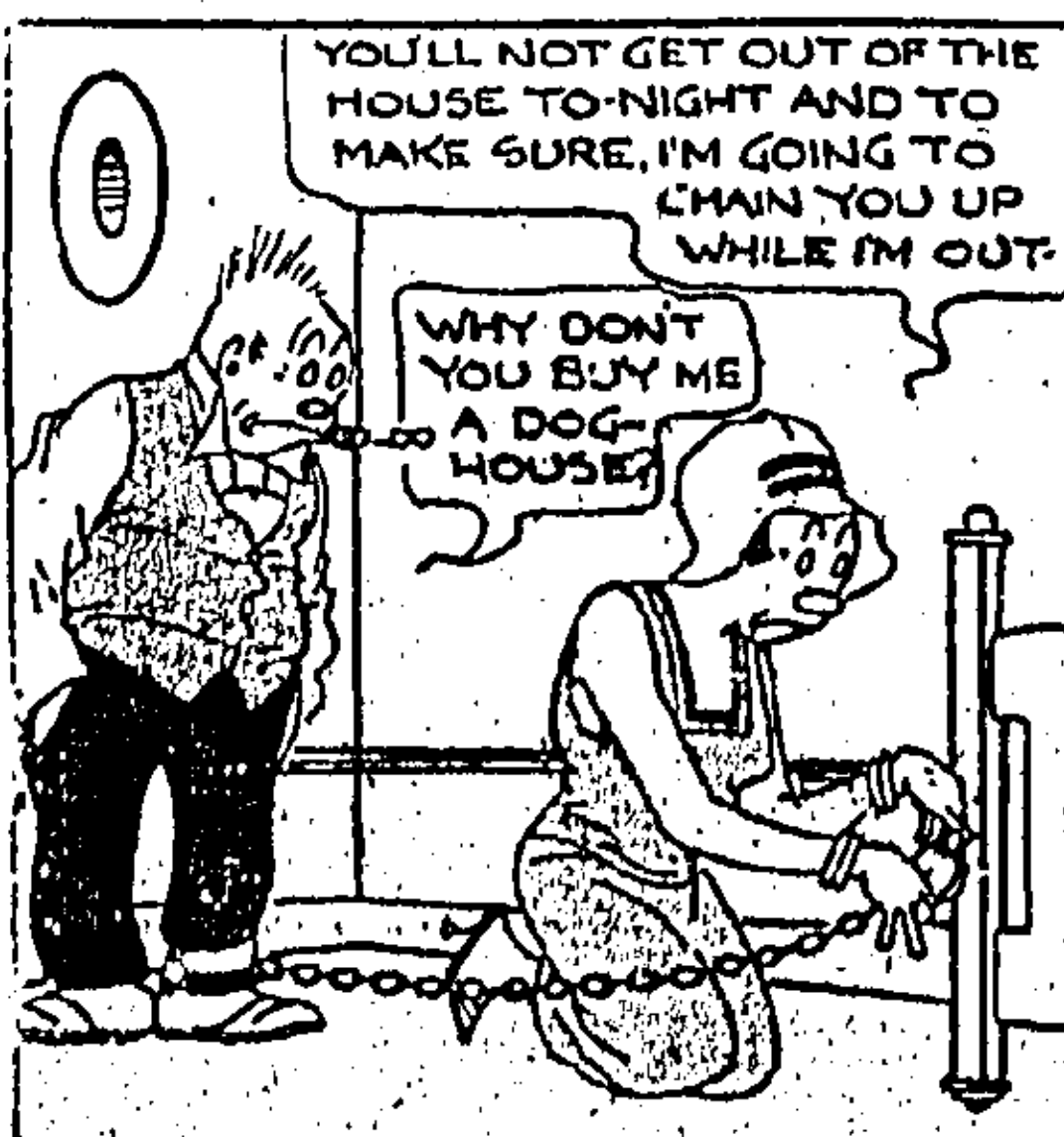
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CURRENT SPORTING GOSSIP

SERVICES LOSE WICKETS.

Hargrave 78 Not Out at Lunch.

SHANGHAI'S GOOD POSITION.

At the luncheon interval to-day the Services had lost seven wickets for only 146 runs. The earlier batsmen could do little with the bowling of Elliott who dismissed both opening batsmen for less than four runs.

Hargrave alone showed confidence and his batting was brilliant at times. At the luncheon interval he was still undefeated with 78 runs to his credit and the Services were 164 runs in arrears with three wickets in hand.

Lunch scores:—

SHANGHAI—1st Innings.	
S. R. Kermack, b. Mirehouse	54
P. V. Simpson, c. Mohr, b. Burnett	29
A. J. Barson, c. Shaw, b. Anstruther	48
R. Booth, c. Barlow, b. Burnett	28
H. J. M. Cook, c. Mirehouse, b. Anstruther	14
R. S. Elliott, c. Barlow, b. Burnett	16
T. W. R. Wilson, b. Hamilton	46
D. W. Leach, c. Shaw, b. Anstruther	26
P. Madar, not out	10
H. A. Coward, c. Barlow, b. Burnett	10
B. V. W. Murray, b. Anstruther	10
J. A. Isaacs, c. Younger, b. Anstruther	25
Extras	310
Total	310
Fall of Wickets.	
1 2 3 4 5 6 7	
86 97 165 180 207 211 238	
8 9 10 11	

285 308 308 310	
Hamilton	21
Mirehouse	23
Hunting	10
Barlow	5
Burnett	6
Anstruther	13

SERVICES—1st Innings.

Lt. Comdr. Skyrme, c. Murray, b. Elliott	0
Lt. O. B. Younger, c. Leach, b. Elliott	4
Lt. Comdr. R. J. Shaw, lb. w. b. Elliott	4
Hargrave, not out	78
Lt. A. C. Hamilton, b. Wilson	4
Lt. J. K. Macfarlan, c. Cook, b. Booth	29
Capt. Burnett, c. Murray, b. Isaacs	5
Lt. F. E. S. Barlow, c. Murray, b. Madar	9
Capt. Mohr, not out	4
Extras (B. 6, L.B. 2, W.B. 1)	9
Total (for 7 wks.)	146

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EX-INTERPORTER'S
Review of the match
in to-morrow's
"CHINA MAIL."

GOLF.

In the Adamson Cup, November qualifying competition played over the Happy Valley Course, W. Jenkins 90—18=72 qualified.
Other scores were:—R. Wallace 85—9=74; A. MacIndoe 96—18=78.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

CRICKET—To-day—United Services v. Shanghai at the H.K.C.C. at 1.30 p.m.
To-morrow—Kowloon C.C. v. Shanghai at the K.C.C. at 11 a.m.
Saturday—League I.—Hong Kong C.C. v. R.A.; Indian R.C. v. Civil Service C.C.; League II.—Police v. Hong Kong C.C.; Friends—Kowloon C.C. v. Craigengower C.C.; Craigengower C.C. v. Kowloon C.C. II.
HOCKEY—To-day—Hong Kong Hockey Club v. H.K.S.R.A. at the U.S.R.C. at 6 p.m.
Friday—Hong Kong Hockey Club "A" v. Jai Regiment on the Marina ground at 6 p.m.; C.B.A. v. Radio Sports Club.
FOOTBALL—To-day—Division I.—Navy v. Argyle at Soakumpoo at 4.15 p.m.
Saturday—Lai Wah Cup—Civilians v. Navy.
RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Club "A" v. Kowloon Rugby Club at Happy Valley at 5 p.m.
GOLF—To-morrow—First round of Railway Cup (Ladies).
Sunday—Open Championship of the Colony; R.H.K.G.C. Jasper Clark Cup Competition.
TENNIS—Sunday—U.S.R.C. Mixed Doubles Tournament.

An Appreciation of Donald Leach.

VERY FINE RECORD FOR ELEVEN ENCOUNTERS.

Finest All-Rounder East Of India.

[By Ex-Interporter]

Donald Leach, the victorious Shanghai captain, has played on eleven occasions against Hong Kong and his record is an enviable one, stamping him as the best all-rounder east of India.

In the eleven encounters, broken only in 1925 due to home leave, he has been on the winning side on four occasions, one game being left drawn. His hurricane innings yesterday afternoon against the Services showed him up in a very different manner to the way he battled against Hong Kong before his half century. Friendly cricket after the stern measures adopted in an interport encounter must have proved delightful relaxation. To attempt an appreciation of his all-round play is difficult as I have not seen him play in Shanghai for the last two years and I might get myself in hot water if I eulogised too freely. I therefore feel that an appreciation made possible by statistics of his interport career would probably serve the purpose just as well.

Shanghai Record.

1921—He scored 24 and 5 and in the second innings had the following bowling analysis:—19—4—42—3.

1923—Batting: 3 and 68. Bowling: 17—2—55—0 and 25—9—53—0.

1928—Batting: 15 and 18. Bowling: 18—6—51—3.

1930—Batting: 81. Bowling: 20—12—16—1 and 5—1—15—1.

Hong Kong Record.

1920—Batting: 18 and 12. Bowling: 17—2—46—4, & 10—3—26—2.

1922—Batting: 6 and 79. Bowling: 8—2—14—1 and 6—0—10—0.

1924—Batting: 6 and 23. Bowling: 8—1—28—2.

1926—Batting: 18 and 19. Bowling: 19—4—40—2 and 25—4—45—3.

1927—Batting: 20 and 8. Bowling: 19—5—45—4 & 29—4—10—4—0.

1929—Batting: 13 and 22. Bowling: 17—2—17—5 & 25—5—72—5.

1931—Batting: 59. Bowling: 17—4—30—5 and 15—3—37—3.

The above figures give him the following averages:—

Batting.	
Inns.	Runs
In Shanghai	7 276 81 0 39.42
In H.K.	13 303 79 0 23.30
	20 579 81 0 29.95

Bowling.

Inns.	Runs	H.S.	N.O.	Aver.
In Shanghai	104	34	232	8 29.00
In Hong Kong	215.3	52	451	35 12.52
	319.3	86	683	44 15.52

Commencing the game with only nine men the "Y" were early on the offensive and T. J. Price gave them the lead with a grand shot from the right. F. Parker increased their lead before the interval. In the second half W. J. Brown netted the third point and in fast falling light the Medway scored their only goal through their inside right.

The Y.M.C.A. half-back line proved very solid and was a big factor in the success of the home side. Price, Tate and Mitchell were the outstanding players in the Y.M.C.A. eleven.

Y.M.C.A.—L. D. Skinner; A. Tate, L. W. Tittle; G. Mitchell, R. A. Bates, F. Allen; W. H. Smith, F. Parker, D. McCallan (captain), W. J. Brown, and T. J. Price.

The following will represent the Y.M.C.A. second eleven against the South Wales Borderers at King's Park to-morrow at 5.10 p.m.:—L. D. Skinner; L. W. Tittle, D. Watts; G. Mitchell, R. A. Bates (captain), S. Sweet; F. Angus, W. H. Smith, E. F. Bell, F. Parker and A. Andrews.

SPORTS NEWS IN BRIEF.

Miss Thomas Enters Ladies' Final.

SOUTH AFRICANS' DRAW.

A splendid evening's entertainment was offered on the Hong Kong Cricket Club ground yesterday evening when an open-air concert was staged. A large gathering, including the Shanghai cricket interport team, was present, and a number of talented entertainers contributed items towards the programme.

The tit-bit of the evening was undoubtedly the item rendered by Lt. A. H. Mussen, who played against Shanghai in the interport game, singing and accompanying himself on the banjo, assisted at the piano by Mr. Truc.

At the U.S.R.C. yesterday Miss Thomas entered the final of the Ladies' Singles Championship at the expense of Mrs. Chiu, whom she defeated by scores of 5-7, 6-1, 7-5. It was a great triumph for Miss Thomas as Mrs. Chiu was regarded as a certain finalist.

The Hong Kong Boxing Association is staging their first tournament of the season on Saturday, November 23. The main event will be a fifteen round contest between Sig. Morris (H.M.S. Suffolk) and A.B. Barnes (H.M.S. Hermes) for the welterweight championship of the Colony.

Barnes was runner-up in the amateur welterweight championship in England last year.

Booking will be open to members on Thursday and Friday, November 25 and 26, while the public will be able to obtain seats on the following day and also on the day of the fight. The prices will be as usual.

H.M.S. Medway met the University in a friendly game of hockey on the latter's ground on Monday and emerged winners by four goals to one. The sailors were by far the better side, their good combination being one of the features of the game.

Owing to the fact that the Argyls failed to turn up, the hockey match arranged between the soldiers and the Radio Sports Club for last evening was postponed. The Radio played a practice game amongst themselves when a few new players were tried out.

Sydney, Yesterday.

The match between South Africa and New South Wales at the conclusion of to-day's play was left drawn.

The South Africans to-day declared at 190 for 3 wickets. New South Wales replied with 430 for 8, Fingleton scoring 117 in 233 minutes, hitting 9 fours during his long stay at the wicket.

Bradman scored a characteristic 135 in 120 minutes which included 15 fours.

McCabe compiled 79, not out, in which were 12 boundary hits.—Reuter.

[Earlier scores.—South Africa 425, New South Wales 163.]

The following will represent the R.S.A.C. against the Hong Kong Police in the Mamak Hockey Tournament at the Police Training School Ground, Kowloon, on Saturday, at 4 p.m.:—

Pte. Andrews; S/Sgt. Marshall, L/Cpl. Reynolds; Pte. Craggs, Sgt. Hurst, Sgt. McCulloch; Drv. Cole, L/Cpl. Spain, S/Sgt. Skipp, L/Cpl. Fry, and Drv. Brennan.

Reserves: Pte. O'Connor and L/Cpl. Cadman.

Referees: Mr. Guest and Sgt. Townsend.

At King's Park yesterday the Y.M.C.A. defeated H.M.S. Medway by three goals to one.

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UNNAMED CHURCH.

Consecration After 60 Years.

It has just been discovered that the little church at Mudeford in Christchurch parish (Hants), which for sixty years has been used solely for fishermen's services and is known locally as "the church without a name," has never been consecrated.

The Bishop of Winchester has therefore arranged to consecrate the church and it will be dedicated to All Saints.

JOHN GALSWORTHY AND HIS POINT OF VIEW.

He is a philosopher and a poet, a mystic poet, yet the most precise and systematic of realists. I write this last word without any idea of labelling him as belonging to a school. I am not thinking of his manner, but of the object of his art, determined by his own point of view. It is that of all great artists possessed by the desire to seize and express complete reality, not only that which ordinary eyes perceive, but the deeper, spiritual reality, the mystery of which haunts them, the power or the idea they divine beneath the appearance of a being or a thing, and try to reveal to us by their interpretation of that appearance.

Hence the general tone of his work. Although inspired by a faith and instinct with love and pity, it has all the calm, all the precise and deliberate serenity, of pure observation. No great English novelist of our times has shown so little of himself in his books. We find in them nothing akin to Dickens' outbursts of high spirits or emotion, to George Eliot's discursive sermonising, to Meredith's fantasies, or to the lyric ardour, the sudden tension of energy, the lightning flashes of Kipling. Nothing but a series of quiet little touches by an unerring touch, each amazingly expressive, complementary to all the others, helping to suggest the relation of a certain face, certain bodily habits, a certain physiology, to certain rhythms of will, thought and feeling. When this degree of realisation is reached intuitive imagination can dispense with the plot of the novel. The creator of the Forsytes can use the painter's privilege and restrict himself to the study of a figure.

As long as it is significant and individual, as long as vitality is suggested alike in the colour of the eyes, the lustre or eclipse of the look, the pallor or flush of the complexion, the energy, languor or serenity of the expression, the indolence or the decision of the attitude, the artist is certain to interest us, especially when beneath these individual characteristics, a specific element is revealed, the mark of a particular culture, the part of a particular civilisation. Mr. Galsworthy has written books which are not mere collections of elaborate portraits, but which tell us all there is to know about contemporary English types.—Andre Chevrillon, in "Three Studies in English Literature."

LORD BYRON.

Poet Who Might Have Been A King.

When Newstead Abbey, the early home of Lord Byron, the poet, was handed over to the Nottingham Corporation it was very fitting that M. Venizelos, the famous Greek statesman, should be present, for Byron was the greatest friend which Greece had in the old days when Turkey misgoverned that country.

It was largely through his influence that the Greeks were able to secure their independence. Byron obtained money and munitions for the Greek patriots, and was appointed their Commander-in-Chief. He was even offered the crown of Greece when the country should have gained its freedom.

Unfortunately, Byron became a martyr to the cause of Greek freedom, for he contracted malaria in the swamps of the country and died at the early age of 35.

The Greeks had long been struggling to throw off the galling Turkish yoke when Byron was asked to help, and he decided to assist, not only with money and munitions, but to go to the country and himself fight for the Greeks.

He sailed from Leghorn with gunpowder and other implements of warfare, and landed on the island of Cephalonia, where he found the Greeks quarrelling among themselves and their affairs in a great muddle.

"I was a fool," he wrote, "to come here; but being here I must see what is to be done."

From Cephalonia he went to Missolonghi, and took into his pay a body of 500 Greeks who were to fight for their country. They became mutinous, however; 150 out of the 500 wanted to be officers, and when Byron was laid low on a bed of sickness through the privations he had suffered for the cause of Greece, these "patriots" broke into his chamber, brandishing their arms furiously, and demanded money.

"The courage with which the poet saved the men was truly sublime," said an eyewitness. He quelled the mutiny, but his health got worse, and when he was urged to leave Greece he said, "No, I will stick by the cause as long as the cause exists."

Soon afterwards the fever killed him, but the inspiration of his help did much to enable the Greeks ultimately to win their freedom.

OVER £10,000 FROM A WHALE.

Fortune has come to three men through the discovery of a 70ft. whale dead on the shore near Dusky Sound, South Island. They carried away nearly a quarter of a ton of ambergris, the grey substance formed in the spermaceti whale which is used in the manufacture of perfume.

This is understood to be worth over £10,000 and is probably one of the largest finds of ambergris ever made.

THE FUTURE SHIPBUILDER.

Examining Other People's Methods.

Owing to recent events we are no longer inclined to hold so rigidly to our old beliefs, and in all spheres of life we have come to recognise that much that we considered definitely settled and agreed is liable to be—and in some cases has already been—overthrown, even to the point of principle.

We must now, for many reasons, look to the future in engineering and shipbuilding. The entry into the industry of competition on a much larger scale than ever before must cause us to examine the methods and ideas of our competitors. Previous customs, which have led us to policies in production, organisation and selling that have become conventions, must be re-examined if we are to emerge from our present chaos with our status unimpaired as an engineering and shipbuilding nation.

In this heart searching, the question of educating our future engineers and shipbuilders who will hold executive posts in years to come must not be neglected. It has generally been considered in Great Britain that the functions, interests and knowledge of engineers should be segregated in a watertight compartment from those of the shipbuilder. Abroad, the tendency is rather to give a certain amount—and often a great deal—of engineering training and later, in his life, engineering responsibility to the shipbuilder and vice versa.

It may be argued that industry tends to become more specialised, and that concentration upon one phase is more than ever essential for complete success. This has its essence of truth and the majority of engineers will never be called upon to have any complete knowledge of shipbuilding, nor will naval architects require to be well-trained engineers. But in our education of the engineer and shipbuilder it would, perhaps, be advisable to go a little more deeply into the unimpaired subjects, so that the average engineer of the future should know more of the practice of shipbuilding than he does

PU YI'S BOGUS GOVERNMENT.

Repudiated By Nationalists.

SEDITIONOUS INSTITUTION.

Nanking, To-day. Government in a statement to the League states, "It is reported that the recent disturbances in Tientsin were created by rioters who made use of the Japanese Concession as a base for their preparations, and it is deplored that the Emperor Pu Yi, of the former Manchu dynasty, was kidnapped, escorted from the Japanese Concession by Japanese for the establishment of a bogus government with himself as Emperor. The National Government already has declared through the League that the Governments of friendly Powers and the National Government and the people will not recognise any institution established in such fashion in Chinese territory. In the event of the establishment of Pu Yi's bogus government being confirmed, the National Government will regard it as a seditious institution and as an auxiliary of the Japanese Government and all the actions of such a government will be repudiated by the National Government and the entire responsibility for such actions laid upon the shoulders of the Japanese Government."—Reuter.

STILL LESS UNEMPLOYED.

Rugby, Yesterday. Figures issued by the Ministry of Labour to-night show a further decline in the number of unemployed of over 20,000 since the previous week.—British Wireless Service.

To-day, whilst the naval architect should understand a reasonable amount of the work of the engineer.

The rapid development of propelling machinery has rendered this interworking still more necessary, and those who are responsible for the syllabuses in engineering and shipbuilding training colleges should give the matter consideration.

SCOTS GUARDS CHEERED.

End of 22 Miles Economy March.

The 2nd Battalion the Scots Guards were cheered by crowds outside the Victoria Barracks when they arrived at Windsor on October 6 at the end of their economy march from Aldershot, undertaken to save the expense of their railway fares.

They finished the march shortly after 4.30 in the afternoon, looking exceedingly fit, after 22 miles on the road. Lt.-Col. E. C. Warner was in command of the battalion, which was nearly 600 strong.

When they left Aldershot at nine o'clock a heavy fog hung over the country, but lifted as they went on. The day was really an ideal one for marching, and the rain held off until the battalion reached the barracks.

Battalion's "Picnic." Two short halts were made in addition to the five-minute halt every hour, and the battalion "picnicked" for luncheon in Swinley Wood.

It speaks well for the physique of the battalion that not a single man fell out during the journey. They wore field service uniforms and carried their complete kit—which weighs 58lb—but they were remarkably cheerful, and sang on the way. The pipers and drum and fife bands also enlivened the march at intervals.

It is believed that this is the first time a Guards battalion has marched from Aldershot to Windsor since the introduction of the railways.

Before the battalion left Aldershot the colonel read a message from the colonel of the regiment, Field-Marshal Lord Methuen, in which he expressed his warm appreciation of the battalion's patriotic offer.

Mr. William H. Covert, K.C. of Halifax, Nova Scotia, has been appointed Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia, in succession to Mr. Frank Stanfield, who died recently, says Reuter.

A shopkeeper at Leicester witnessed a motor-car skid, mount the pavement, and kill his 8-year-old daughter.

REPEATED CHARGES.

Savage Bull Breaks Farmer's Back.

When Stephen Barnwell, a 35-year-old farmer, of Bedford, was found by his twin brother and partner in a field three hours after having his back broken by a bull, he gave a description of what happened.

"The bull, he charged and charged, and I could do nothing," Barnwell told his brother. "He threw me twenty or thirty yards along the ground."

"I tried to get up, but could not. He put his two legs on my stomach, and charged me repeatedly. I have been trying to get a piece of paper and pencil from my pocket to tell you what happened. Do get rid of that bull."

At the inquest a verdict of accidental death was returned. Barnwell was described as the bravest patient the Bedford Hospital had ever had.

TRUTH ABOUT MUMMY WHEAT.

A story comes from Canada that a grain of wheat buried with King Tutankhamen in 1353 B.C. has grown into a plant on an Alberta farm.

Of course, such a thing is impossible. Scientists, after exhaustive tests, have found that when even 17 years old will not germinate, and indeed 12 years is the very limit during which the wheat seed keeps its life.

"All stories of mummy wheat extracted from the tombs of Egypt, and supposed to be some thousands of years old, having grown, are utterly false," says Professor Henslow, the distinguished botanist.

The so-called mummy wheat is always modern wheat which has been rubbed in the Nile mud by the Arabs to give it an ancient appearance. It is then imposed on tourists as a pretended discovery in tombs.

HAPPY ISLANDERS!

The Isle of Man is not the only island to escape the icy blast of Mr. Snowden's call for sacrifices.

Mr. Hubert Banner, the novelist and authority on Malaya, who has just returned from that island, gives the tantalising information that there is no income tax there.

The only time such a tax was imposed was for one year in the most critical period of the War. He regards this as a tribute to able British administration, for he says that in the neighbouring Dutch East Indies income tax has been levied for years past.

We can't all be Banners, unfortunately, and skip away to Malaya or Java or some such equally delectable unharried places to escape from our wearisome taxpaying pre-occupations.—Newcastle (England) Sunday Sun.

Abolition of military aircraft was proposed by Viscount Cecil in a speech at Rome.

BOY "RAFFLES" USES REFORMATORY.

Nightly Burglaries.

Newcastle, October 7. A number of house and shop breaking offences have been traced to a boy, "Raffles," with headquarters in a Northumberland reformatory school.

It has been discovered that with the other boys of the school, he regularly retired for the night at seven p.m. to rise later, climb a 15ft. pipe to the ground, and set about his nefarious work. In the early morning he returned to the school with his booty, and was ready to answer the roll-call.

He was found to be equipped with rubber-soled shoes, and in a prominent position inside his jacket was sewn a label bearing a false name.

The Home Secretary has ordered his removal to another institution.

UNLUCKY HOUSES.

"Haunted" houses may be found in most towns in the East, and even more common are those regarded as unlucky. In this category is one described in a Bangkok paper.

First the tenant, a clerk employed in a local firm who appeared to be of regular and industrious habits to judge from the hours he spent over his garden, embezzled certain funds and with his wife left for parts unknown. Next came a couple, apparently not long married, but there was a "triangle" resulting in a fearful row and the lady skipped with one not her husband. The house being, as the home house agent would say, an "eligible" one, was soon let again and a baby was born there about three months ago. But one day it passed out. The parents of the child promptly departed and the premises are now vacant.

LONDON'S TOWN CLERK.

The Corporation of the City of London has extended for another year the period of service as Town Clerk of Sir James Bell, who is above the retiring age.

Sir William Thomas said Sir James had been a brilliant success as Town Clerk, and had earned the respect and affection of everyone. The Lord Mayor also paid a high compliment to Sir James.

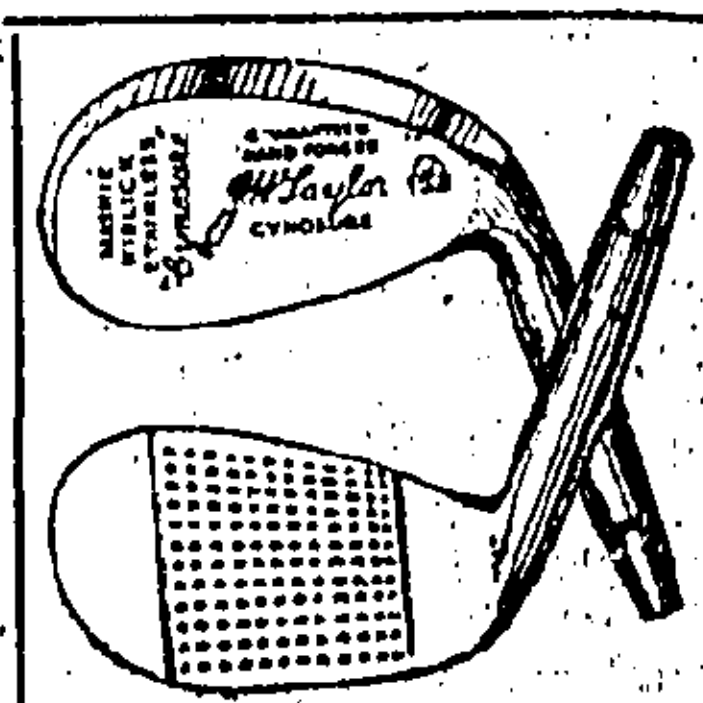
Mr. Snowden (Chancellor of the Exchequer) informed Major G. Davies (G. Yeovil) that pensions were payable by statute to Earl Nelson and Lord Seaton. Lord Nelson had already made a voluntary contribution of £500 to the Exchequer and proposed to make a similar contribution next year. Lord Seaton had suggested that his pension should be abated by 10 per cent. for the time being in view of the present crisis. His Majesty's Government had gratefully accepted these contributions.

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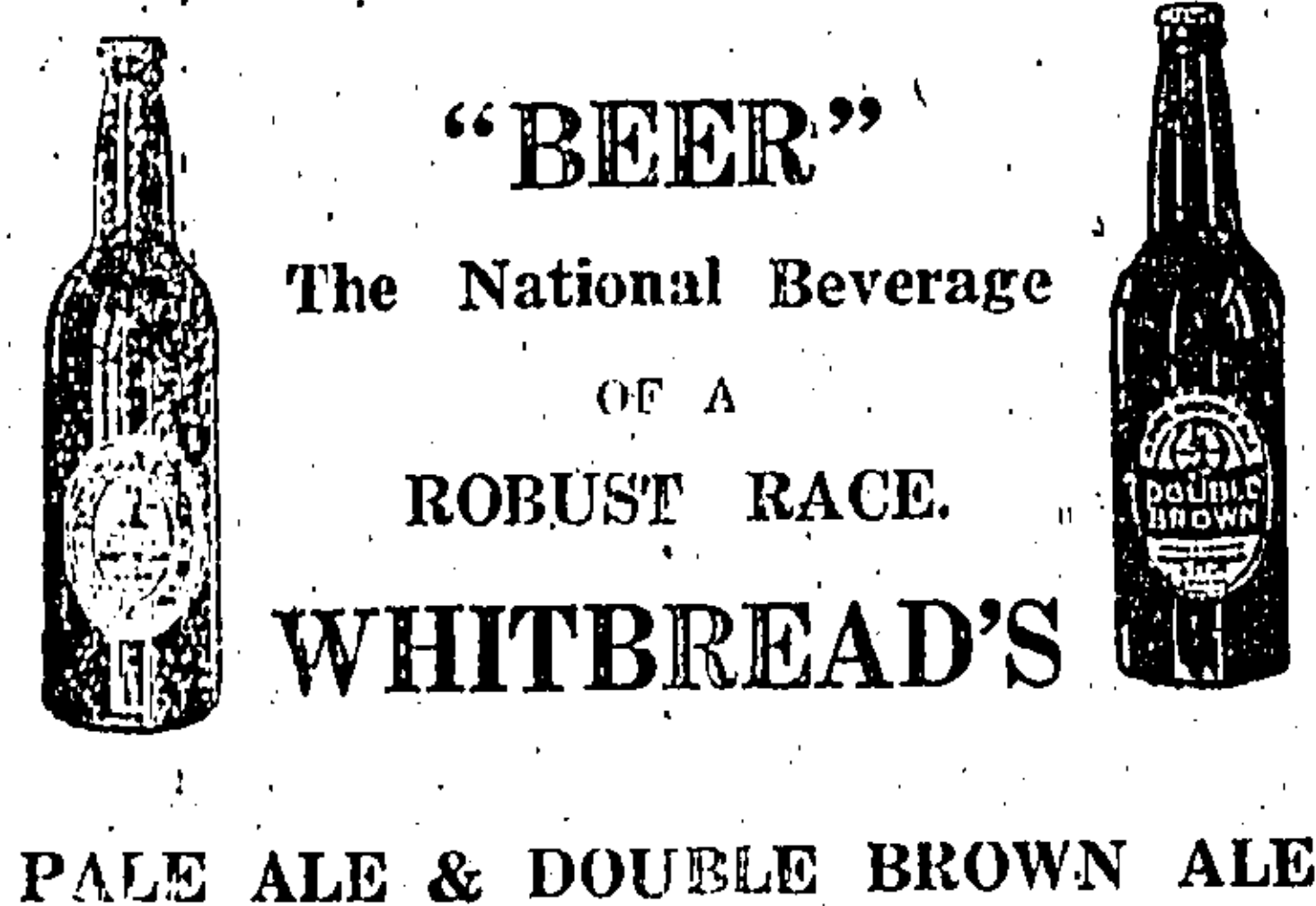
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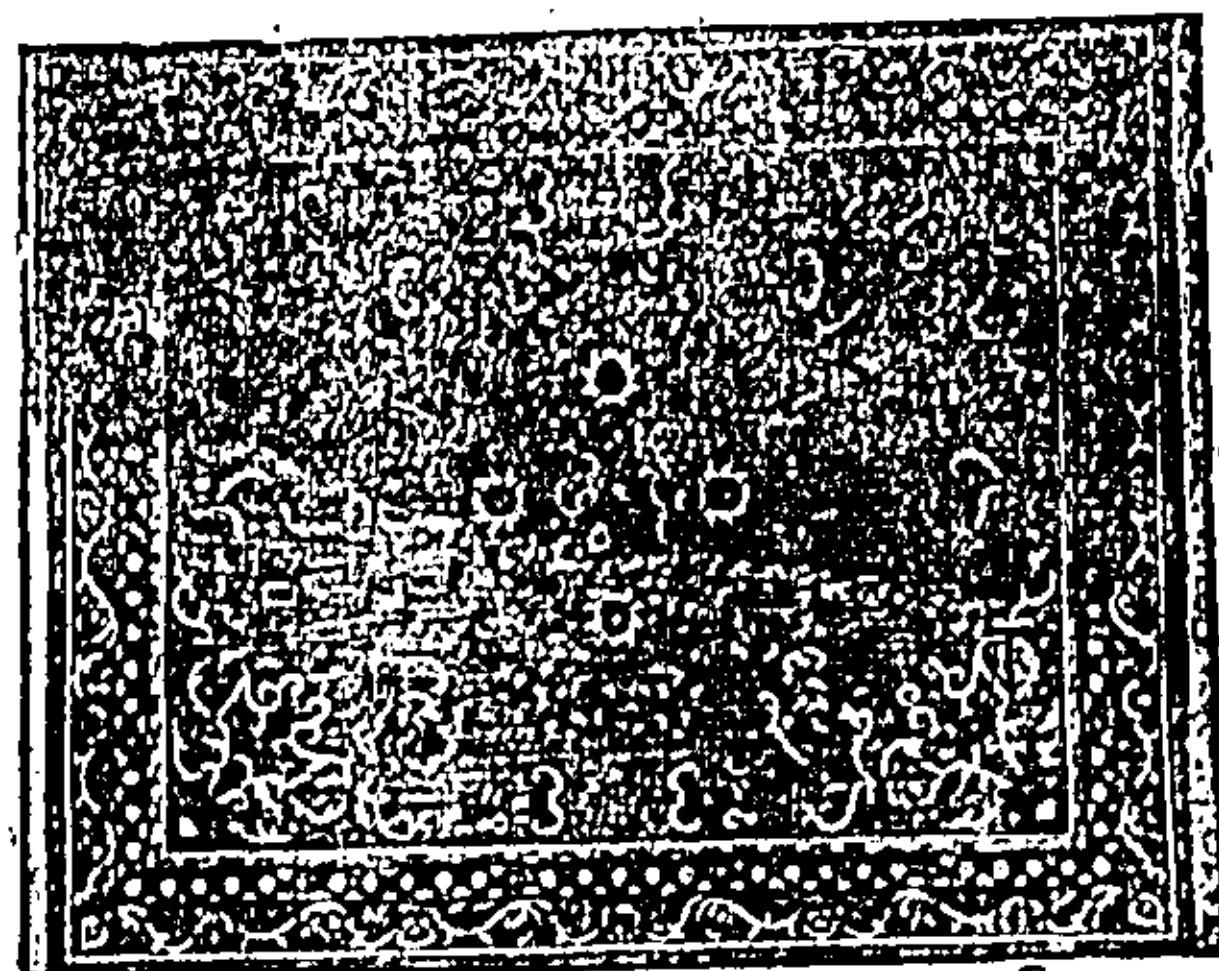
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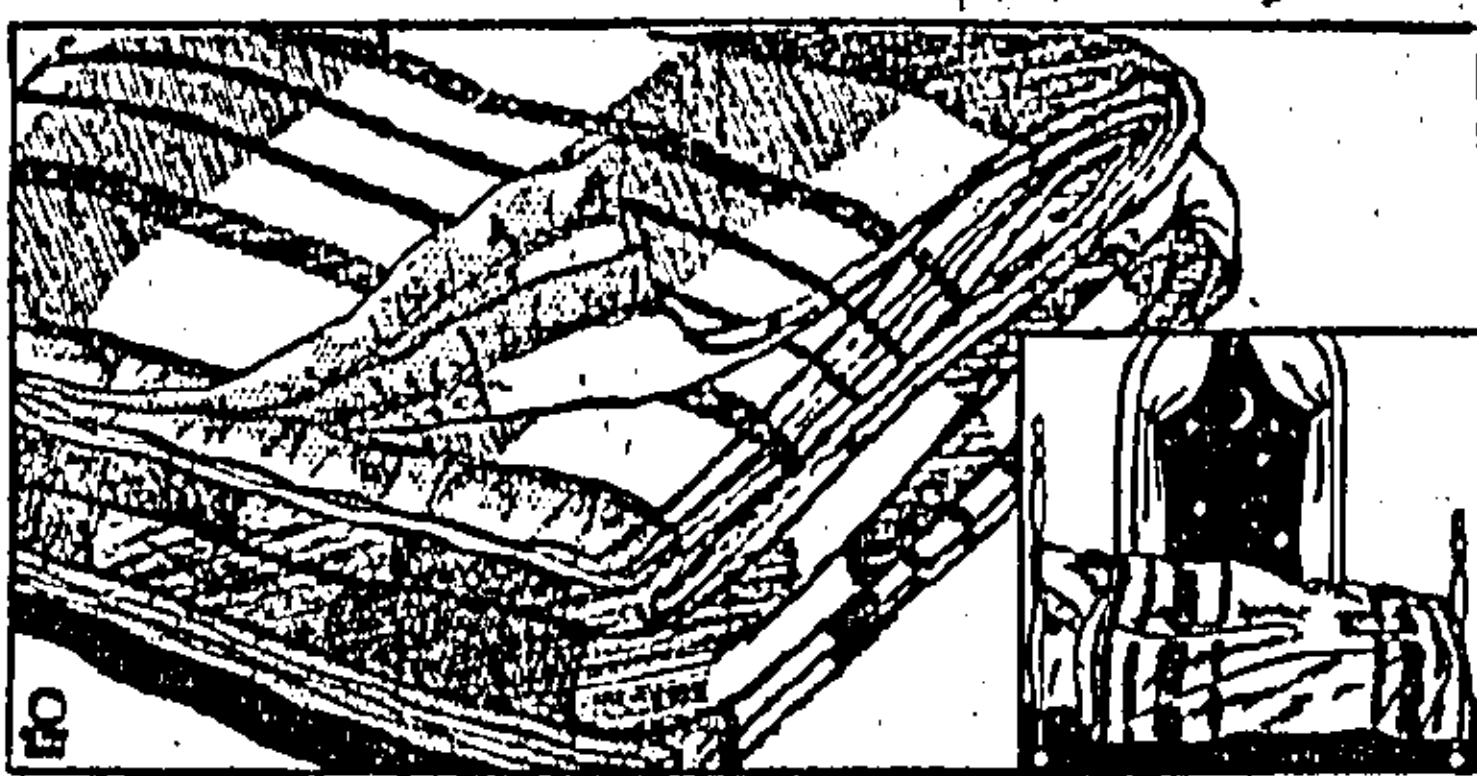
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WHITEAWAYS

The China Mail

Hong Kong, Wednesday, Nov. 18, 1931.

Modern Noise.

Kowloon has been prominent in the "news" field of late on account of its noises. Since last we referred to nocturnal building operations in the Shamshui-po district, residents have had considerable relief. May it be permanent! On the island conditions making for noise are becoming more and more acute.

A writer in a Home paper complains that, in the great cities there, noise goes on in an ever-rising crescendo; the rumble and clatter of machinery, the increasing din of traffic, which grows year by year heavier in both senses, seem to be growing steadily worse. If city-dwellers themselves do not always notice it, they are told of it by visitors who are better able to make comparisons with a former time.

The latest medical alarmist, however, a French Government doctor, will meet with little but scepticism when he predicts that people in such large cities as London, Paris, New York, etc., will have to depend on artificial hearing 50 or 100 years hence. We have heard these scare stories before now, and to them, at least, we are growing a little deaf. If it is not "tennis elbow," it is "golfer's knee" or motorist's heel. But when do we ever see such things?

What is really beyond reasonable doubt is that an increasing amount of nerve strain is involved in our reaction to our environment of noise. The human organism exhibits a noteworthy power of adapting itself to circumstances by developing an automatic resistance.

If, then, our nerves develop a more and more callous resistance to the increasing noise of our cities, what will be the price we shall pay? Probably we shall never know.

It might be an impairment of our thinking powers, but in most of us that would hardly be noticed. More likely it would be an increase of nervous irritability in other directions, but that is

pretty certain to result in any case from the general stress of modern city life.

The real solution, of course, is not that we shall all become accustomed to conditions like living in a boiler-works, but that we shall to a greater extent than ever abolish noise, even in the cities.

Before long, even the heaviest and noisiest motor vehicle will be as quiet as the best private cars are now; the latest move in that direction is gigantic tyres that form practically the whole wheel. A motor-cycle nowadays can be made almost as quiet as a car.

The tramcar, in its present form, is practically certain to be superseded by a more silent vehicle — perhaps a trackless trolley, running on huge pneumatic tyres like the "buses. When the wheels are quietened, there will be far less need for very loud horns or bells.

As regards the noise of machinery, that will certainly be at least diminished in all properly built factories by sound-proof floors, walls, etc. Machinery itself will be made quieter because it is already recognised that noise is waste.

It would be easy to let the imagination run riot on the efforts of the future to obtain silence, but it is really unnecessary. After all, most of us can tolerate a good deal of noise, so long as it is of a familiar kind, without feeling our nerves sorely stressed.

Once we have abolished the worst of common noises, those indicated above, we shall probably not worry much about those which remain.

From Other Pens.

Oxford versus Noise.

A society for the abolition of noise has been formed at Oxford, and it is to be hoped that this excellent cause will not thereby be lost. Schopenhauer said that cabmen who crack whips in the road deserve capital punishment. What should be done to a modern taxi-driver? It seems to the unscientific layman a little astonishing that science, which has done so much to produce noise, should not

exert itself further in favour of silence. If American gangsters are able to shoot their victims with the noiseless pop of a gun controlled by a "silencer," cannot something be done to modify the roar of machinery?

Perhaps the hooting of horns could be replaced to some extent by a system of lights. The horn and klaxon are employed, so to speak, forward; yet already the backward signals of motor-cars are performed by means of warning lights. It appears to be a matter for science. Our traffic controllers have failed. In Paris the Prefect of Police, M. Chiappe, has forbidden the sound of klaxons at certain hours and has set a time limit to the energies of housewives who wish to beat their mats. Yet Paris remains the noisiest town in the world, including New York. There is, moreover, vibration. At Oxford even buildings are sensitive, and the Master of Balliol's ceiling has been known to collapse at the passage of a truck. Certainly, something should be done. One point the contentions of Oxford club for noise abatement may be questioned. It is suggested that undergraduates cannot study where there is noise.

This is a hard age and a machine age. If Oxford undergraduates wish to be prepared for the conditions of post-graduate existence they should practise writing Greek iambs between a tramway and a printing press, to the sound of a piercing jazz band. Meanwhile, the Society is certainly setting a good example to other cities. —Manchester Guardian.

A Moot Point.

A Paris judge has just been called upon to settle a little problem which might well have puzzled Solomon. It is so delicate that he has decided to postpone judgment for a month.

In all Paris buildings which have a concierge a rigid distinction is made between those who are entitled to use the main staircase and the lift and those who must use the servants' staircase. A jeweller, who occupies offices on a third floor, has sued his concierge for damages on the ground that she has refused to allow a number of his clients to use the lift, and has compelled them to climb the servants' staircase. This, he declares, has caused him to lose a number of profitable clients.

A picturesque note is added to his complaint by a demand for compensation on account of "injurious language" used by the concierge in her arguments with some of his visitors. One woman in her evidence said that the concierge in most pungent language forbade her to use the lift. She — the client — defied the concierge and entered the lift, with the result that she found herself imprisoned in the cage between two floors.

When she replied to this and various other accusations, the concierge said that habitually she did not utter insults but received them in the execution of her duties. The crux of the question lies in the subtle distinction between a visitor who has something to sell and one who wants to buy. The jeweller asks, with indignation, how the concierge is to distinguish between these two classes of visitors. The judge also is to wonder for a month. —Daily Telegraph.

News in Brief.

The lowest open air temperature yesterday was 70 degrees. The humidity at 10 a.m. was 72 and at 4 p.m. 60.

As the result of falling whilst carrying a pot of boiling vinegar yesterday, Hu Yu-yun (17) a fook of the Kwong Hing Preserved Vegetables shop, 156 Cramer Street, was severely scalded; and was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

Yesterday afternoon, sitting in the Supreme Court, in Admiralty Jurisdiction, the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph H. Kemp, K.C.) concluded hearing of the two remaining actions claiming wages against the s.s. San Nam King. The plaintiffs in these actions were two former masters of the ship, Captain Ignacio Maria Cordova, and Captain Antonio Pinto Marques, who were represented by Mr. Leo d'Almada, Jun. (Instructed by Johnson, Stokes and Master). His Lordship gave judgment for the plaintiffs with costs.

It is announced that the Fleece Open Boxing Championships will be held here on December 2, 3 and 4. Further particulars as to venue, etc., will be announced later.

Fong Fuk, chief checker of Dowell and Company, has reported to the Police that whilst unloading a lighter alongside the s.s. Venezia at 2.30 yesterday afternoon, So Hol (28) who resided on board the lighter, was pumping a gasoline lamp, when the screw cap flew off, and sprayed So with gasoline, which, unfortunately became alight. The man, who was severely burned, is now in the Kowloon Hospital.

After hearing the evidence of arrest in the case, in which two Chinese are charged with committing armed robbery, Mr. Fraser, in the Kowloon Magistracy adjourned the case. Inspector Fallon said that five men took part in the affair, which occurred at No. 7, Kak Hang Village, Kowloon City, on October 16. One man was armed with a revolver. After holding up 14 people who were in the house, the robbers decamped with some jewellery and \$9 in money.

Mr. Julian Arnold, Commercial Attache, American Legation, was the speaker at the tiffin of the Rotary Club, yesterday, when he spoke interestingly on the head hunters of Formosa. He amused his listeners when he said that when given a good handful of Enos' fruit salt to cure a headache, a Chief put the powder in a bag and hung it from his neck as a charm for attracting evil spirits, thereby assisting in their destruction. Rain caused the salts to effervesce and the head hunters jumped to the conclusion that evil spirits were entering it. When the bag had swelled to a big size, the Chief buried it, and lost his headache in the excitement!

Personal Pars.

General Smuts was yesterday elected a Director of the Scottish University of St. Andrews.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Harper and children are returning by the s.s. President Hoover on her maiden trip and are due here on November 30. Mrs. J. A. Shaw arrives here by the same liner.

BRIGHT POSTER.

Vandalism at Harbour Office.

The gloomy atmosphere in the Harbour Office has been considerably brightened during the past fortnight or so by the appearance of two exceedingly pretty posters, one on the wall outside the Marine Court, and the other on the notice board in the Clearance Office corridor, downstairs.

They are really artistic posters in three colours, red, white and blue, and are excellent examples of the lithographer's art. On a snow-white background appears a graceful figure of Britannia in blue with the right arm held high above the head and the index finger bent in a beckoning gesture. At the foot of the figure are bright red letterings.

Three huge letters "B.I.F.", about a foot high and very broad, are very conspicuous on the posters, and underneath, in smaller letters, also in red, are the words:

"British Industries Fair, London and Birmingham, Opening Date February 22, 1932."

These posters were the pride of all connected with the Harbour Office until yesterday, when, and to relate, it was found that the beauty of the one in the Clearance Office corridor had been marred by some vagabond obviously cannot be one who appreciates art.

With pencil and in shockingly bad hand-writing, the wag scribbled on the top left-hand corner of the poster the following:—

"Thanks for the information, I'll pop over for the week-end. (Skipper Cheung Chau Ferry please note, and provision in readiness)."

This sacrilege against art is a crying shame and should not go unpunished, and our sleuths and hand-writing experts should forthwith be placed on the job of tracking down the culprit and bring him to justice; and, to prevent the poster on the first floor from being defiled in the same shameful manner, I suggest that a subscription be raised among the artistic in Hong Kong to provide a frame with glass to preserve it in.

—JAY.

BARRIE'S FANTASIA.

Another Triumph for H.K.A.D.C.

"DEAR BRUTUS."

There is an especial charm and fascination, an indefinable "something" which gets you, about Sir James Barrie's plays and stories. That something, that charm and fascination are not absent from the delightful fantasia, which the Hong Kong Amateur Dramatic Club is now presenting and with which they add yet another success to a long list of successful achievements.

No attempt is to be made here to detail the story or unfold the plot. If you have neither read the play nor seen this production, it is you who are the poorer for a happy experience and decidedly pleasant entertainment.

Last night, on the occasion of the second performance, a good house assembled to "hear and see" the play. Good from the point of view of numbers, and good from the point of view of the players. For, though it was a critical house, it was also an encouraging house, one quick to appreciate and applaud those many quips which studded the play like so many scintillating stars. These quips, to retain the lustre with which they have been invested by the author, must be put over with art, and it was with art and artistry of no small account that the players put them over.

The production left little to be desired. The scenic and lighting effects, the stage appointments and the dressings were distinctly good; and, above all, the players evidently were beginning to feel more at home. Mr. Rupert Foster and his helpers deserve great credit for their work behind the scenes.

Turning now to the players, and dealing with them in their order of appearance, Margaret Birt, as Mrs. Coade, seemed to have caught the Barrie spirit and so gave a character interpretation that pleased immensely; Tess Thorp (Mrs. Dearth), Sunny Hole (Lady Caroline), Jean Mackie (Mrs. Purdie), and Veronica Butterfield (Joanna) gave good performances also, but just, only just, failed to convince. Eric Brooks (Matey), frankly, disappointed in the first act—a difficult act it must be admitted—but made amends in the wood scene. Sydney West (Lob) was just what Lob should be. A great portrayal. Cyril Champlin (Coade) and Maurice Barton (Purdie) put across creditable performances, while Alec Gray (Dearth) from his first appearance to the last held interest and convinced.

But it was Betty Fair, as Margaret, Dearth's dream child, who, she appeared, most successfully caught and held that elusive something—the spirit of Wendy, it may be termed. An excellent study indeed.

The players are to be seen again this evening 5.15 o'clock in a matinee performance, and then on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday (the last time) nights at 9.15 o'clock. H.E. the Governor and Lady Peel, and party from Government House were present at last night's performance.

NOBEL PRIZE FOR DEAD POET.

Dr. Eric Axel Karlfeldt, the Swedish lyric poet, who died on April 4 last, has been posthumously awarded the 1931 Nobel Prize for literature. Under the statutes governing the Nobel awards prizes can be awarded to dead persons only if their names have been recommended prior to death, as was the case here.

Dr. Karlfeldt, who was permanent secretary of the Swedish Academy, was offered the prize some years ago, but he was a very retiring man and declined to accept it. The decision this year comes a month before the date the award is usually announced.

To-day's Thought.

Some lose sight of issues because they are always dealing with personalities.

Ten Years Ago.

[From the "China Mail" of November 18, 1921.]

To-day's dollar is worth 2/8½.

The new Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel will open on the night of St. Andrew's Ball. The opening will mark the completion of the first stage of an ambitious programme of improvements and additions to an Hotel already famous throughout the Far East.

THE CROSSING

"Are We Going to Have
It Smooth?"

FROM ERIN TO ENGLAND.

By Margaret Southern.

At that time it was still not unusual to drive to the docks on a side-car, with your luggage, behind a hack that went like a thoroughbred. Perhaps, like so many hacks over there, he was thoroughbred. "Wish I was goin' too," muttered a porter, smiling through the wanderlust of a people born to be exiles. On board, round the ticket office, cheerfulness reigned in a multiple 60-watt effulgence; even the most reluctant kept it up as they buttonholed the stewards. "Are we going to have it smooth?" I'm no sailor," they coaxed, beaming tentatively. A steward, ardent, crisp as a staff nurse, asked "Will I call you with a cup of tea about seven?" I accepted with an optimism qualified by experience, and, noting with pleasure that the upper berth was vacant, put my bag on it and went on deck.

Between the sheds and the gangways, in the high, unconsoling rays of arc lamps, knots of leave-takers waited for us to sail. Their upturned, black-shadowed faces, unlike faces on railway platforms, suggested momentous, experimental lives purged of platitudes. A more tragic, dowdy gathering confronted the steerage, labouring to preserve a surface with snatches of indistinguishable song. Minutes went by. A voice came thinly, "Give my love to Anne," and someone cried "I will; she'll be asking all about you." A gong roared below, and shrill good-byes clamoured in the dark air, while handkerchiefs flapped. A few people, tight-faced, were silent. The gangways went. For a moment nothing seemed to happen, then one saw that the black gulf between boat and quay was widening, the faces opposition growing smaller. When they were invisible the deck was soon clear for the determined tramp, round the saloon block, that a few romantics would keep up till midnight, arm in arm or lonely. The city sank away; we were nearly in mid-lough, the lights of Antrim villages no farther than those of Down. A last waneness of light was reflected where the wash creamed behind us, and cinder-breath above the shipyards. Already, though we should be half an hour in smooth water, small flashes in the sky announced the lighthouse. There came a long, gliding interval after the last village, while the air freshened, spray broke on the rail, and jagged lines of froth began to race towards us from the blackness. Then the town at the point, and soon a burst of loud, coloured light like an explosion, leaping, gyrating, making a Piccadilly Circus or Vanity Fair of the sky, a dreadful warning. We were now at sea, but the light ran after us.

In the saloon, as I took one of the swivel chairs, the waiter put plate and china with an air and an obviously second-hand napkin with an easy gesture. I pushed the napkin away and from a fresh one took its place, as from heaven. "Shall a little damask breed division? Sorry, sorry," the waiter's voice said over my shoulder. I swivelled round, but he was across the room, serving a grim-chinned magnate of a type that reproduces itself faithfully for the support of our commerce. "What I say is," grumbled this one to his vis-à-vis, a horse-breeder from, probably, the Plant of York, "Ireland's a nice place for a holiday if the people weren't so hard to get to know, but then there's this infernal crossing spoils it. Makes you think twice. And after those American liners these potty little boats let one down. Why, in one of those new liners you'd never know you were at sea!" Dwelling on this consumption, he looked at a fellow-passenger who was disposing himself for the night on the cushioned bench against the wall. The floor deviated for a second from the horizontal, and the berthless passenger closed his eyes. Thus reminded that he

was at sea, the magnate lifted eye-brows at his companion. "When I was at home I was in a better place — or was I?" muttered the waiter, eyeing him. Between the magnate's conversation and the berthless one's example, I longed for bed and sought it.

The curtains of the lower berth were drawn. I climbed into the upper and gave up thoughts of sleep, for it had a porthole. One didn't sleep while Pavlova danced, or during the "Trojan Women," or at a window moving on the sea. My neighbour hadn't wanted it, neither was she, I gathered, asleep behind her curtains; I heard her sigh. I hooked the door open for air — it was stifling and the porthole was clamped, — put out the light, and thanked heaven for cold sheets. The engines seemed to be just below us, footsteps passed above and up and down the stairs, the sea ran past with an endless churning sound. What was the magnate thinking, even though he had a deck cabin de luxe with a Louis Quinze bed and a rose satin quilt, which I had looked at through the window? The sea, milky pale in starlight, widened from my round of glass to a far-off union with the night sky, unfamiliar as death. In long hours a passing steamer was comforting, but to cease watching was impossible.

At two o'clock, with a loud noise and race of waters, the boat rocking, and the thrashing of the screws like a waterfall, we were off the island. Slowly an outline that seemed enormous rose between sea and sky, with a black peak shadowing all the shore; we were an hour in passing it. A lighthouse was splendid as some great Rosa Mundi, more lovely and serene than that off the Irish coast. In a little bay under the hill fishing-smacks rode, each with a coloured light at the masthead, friendly. It would soon be day; already footsteps were multiplying above, and domestic sounds threatened whatever sleep other travellers might have enjoyed. Scrubbing began, interrupted in a minute by the clatter of an overturned bucket and a rush of water down the stairs.

A voice, rich and palatable as butter, cried "Holy Mary! Oh, glory be to God!" A second voice, different in texture, joined in: "Swearin' again, you blaspheming Carthage! If my old mother, that brought me up God-fearin' with a 'and like carst iron, knew I 'ave to listen to every night in this 'ere floatin' under-world she'd soon 'ave me aome to the Euston Road. . . . Comes of bein' able to unlowl everythink on a 'andy priest." The first voice said, "It's a question I'll be pleased to settle wid you when I'm afther stemmin' the torrent, and if you'd assist like a gentleman instead of slanderin' the religion like a dirty Prothes-tant, keepin' your boots clean while God knows what pervair-sity is in your tongue."

A third voice — the waiter's — interrupted, dropping balm: "Gentlemen, to our representatives leave vituperation, clash of creeds, and the love and making of lies. . . . Your bucket, sir, I think. A little water more or less in our great task of happiness — need we go in at the deep end? Of such is the kingdom of Westminster. Chuck it, Alf — back upstairs. Ancient Pistol, and leave our brother to his devotions." The first voice, receding, with a sigh of recognition, to the jingle of the bucket, rejoined, "It's easy seen you have the habit of convairsin' with gentlefolk and scholars. Tom, the way St Michael and Lucifer themselves'd stay their sparrin' to hear what you'd have to say." The second added, "Maw'lous gift, I will say, duke — where was you educated before a tyste for searfarin' proved your undoin'?" "Oxford, Alf," the third answered, going up the stairs, "and if a too electric love of letters and humanity hadn't

MUSICAL TREAT.

Renowned Violinist.
Coming Here.

JASCHA HEIFITZ.

Hong Kong music lovers are to be regaled with a rare musical treat early next month. Jascha Heifitz, world-renowned virtuoso of the violin, will give an evening concert at the King's Theatre, on December 4 at 9.30 only. Mr. and Mrs. Heifitz will arrive in Hong Kong on the 3rd, en route to Manila and the Straits Settlements, and will stop over for one day in the Colony.

This is the third world tour that Mr. Heifitz is making. His previous tour was in 1923. At that time Mr. Heifitz was a bachelor, but since then he has married Florence Vidor, the Paramount film star.

The repertoire of Heifitz will consist of the selected works of such famous composers as Bach, Schubert, Debussy-Hoffman, Ravel, Vitali and others, and should prove of especial interest to music-lovers in the Colony. Mr. Heifitz will be accompanied on the piano by Mr. Isidore Ashron.

LIVES ON RATS AND MICE.

Why The Barn Owl Should Never
Be Killed.

Just now we may often hear a great commotion in the shrubbery or the coppice. A jabbering crowd of sparrows or other small birds may be seen mobbing a barn owl and driving it from pillar to post with indignant notes and fluttering wings.

At this season the young owls, being fledged, are leaving their homes one after the other to look for suitable roosting-places and hunting-grounds that are not already occupied. If an owl finds some dark niche in a barn roof all is well, but it generally flies to some place where it is conspicuous. Very soon a sharp-eyed sparrow spies it out, and with jarring notes attracts a whole crowd of other small birds, which pursue the poor owl with hue and cry until it finds really secluded sanctuary. The barn owl may be distinguished from other owls by its colour, which is buff above, beautifully variegated with grey and black and white, while below it is snow-white. That is why it is often called the white owl.

The barn owl does not build a nest, but lays two to half-a-dozen white eggs in a hollow in some wall, cliff, or tree, or inside a church tower or barn. Occasionally it lays in a pigeon-house, without harming the pigeons in any way.

It is a very useful bird and should never be killed, for it lives almost entirely on rats, mice, and other noxious pests. The few small birds that it eats are generally sparrows. That weird shriek we sometimes hear in the night is made by the barn owl as it hunts its prey.

This bird is found not only in England, but in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and North America.

warred with my allegiance at twenty to Lit. Hum. Should I now be more a man? Ah, insoluble! We ask and ask; thou mildest and art still — "Down't worry, comrady," said the second, fading slowly above, "your lawss is democracy's gyne." The occupant of the lower berth tossed audibly and whispered, "Oh, damn!"

I got up at seven, while her curtains remained closed, and went on deck. Meeting the stewardess, I murmured, "You didn't call me with a cup of tea, after all." "Isn't that tu baad?" she responded with the mobile sympathy of her race, and was forgiven. Day was young and chill on the bleak estuary; gulls swooped and squealed, long tongues of mud had the pathos of land's beginnings out of the sea. We passed them, neared the city. Bells rang on board, at last, with a moment of stillness followed by a shudder through the ship, we were in.

On the gangway I found the unseen bedfellow before me, known by her hand luggage as she stepped into the arms of friends. "My dears, too atrocious!" she shouted between kisses. "I mean, if this is a sample why not go before the mast at once? I consider I've worked my passage as it is. And after New York and back in those perfect liners, where you absolutely never notice any-

FROM HERE, THERE AND
EVERYWHERE

Television For All - - -

The new Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York, which has been built at a cost of \$8,000,000, will be at once the largest, highest, and most luxurious hotel in the New World. Some of its features are:

Two thousand two hundred guest rooms, including 300 residential suites.

A ballroom four storeys high, accommodating 4,000 dancers and containing the world's largest orchestral organ.

Provision for television in every room.

A private rail siding beneath the hotel, where guests can arrive or leave in their own rail coaches.

Twin towers of luxury residential suites, rising forty-seven storeys (625ft) above street level.

Commendatore Gelardi, general manager of Claridge's, who is leaving to manage the hotel will retain direction of Claridge's and will hold daily conferences with his London staff by means of the trans-Atlantic telephone.

Another Melba? - - -

"In the hope that another Melba may arise," Dame Nellie Melba, the famous singer, left \$3,000 for a scholarship of music, tenable at the Albert Street Conservatorium of Music, or if that should not be still in existence, then at the University of Melbourne.

Probate has now been granted in London (as regards the English estate) of her property. The English estate is valued at \$43,095, and the property in Victoria, Australia, at \$22,118, making a total of \$65,214.

Artificial Gold - - -

Famous as the city of steel, Sheffield is now turning its attention to the production of artificial gold. Successful experiments have been made in the casting of a non-ferrous alloy of aluminium and copper that has the appearance of gold, and this alloy is being made to imitate the various carats of gold colour. The new metal is stainless and can be washed after use, and will stand up to very severe tests. It is expected that it will attain popularity now that the manufacture is on established grounds. Already a full dinner set has been made. The price of the metal works out at about the same price as nickel silver, and is thus within the reach of all.

Burglar's Aid Asked - - -

An appeal has been made to an unknown burglar by the police to help them in finding the gangsters who made a daring raid on a branch of the Reichsbank.

One gangster lost on his flight a revolver which was stolen recently from an armourer's shop in the Wilhelmstrasse. The police now ask the burglar concerned to report to them, as they are convinced that he was not connected with the raid on the bank, but that he could give them information which might lead to the apprehension of the gangsters, and thus become entitled to a considerable part of the reward of £400.

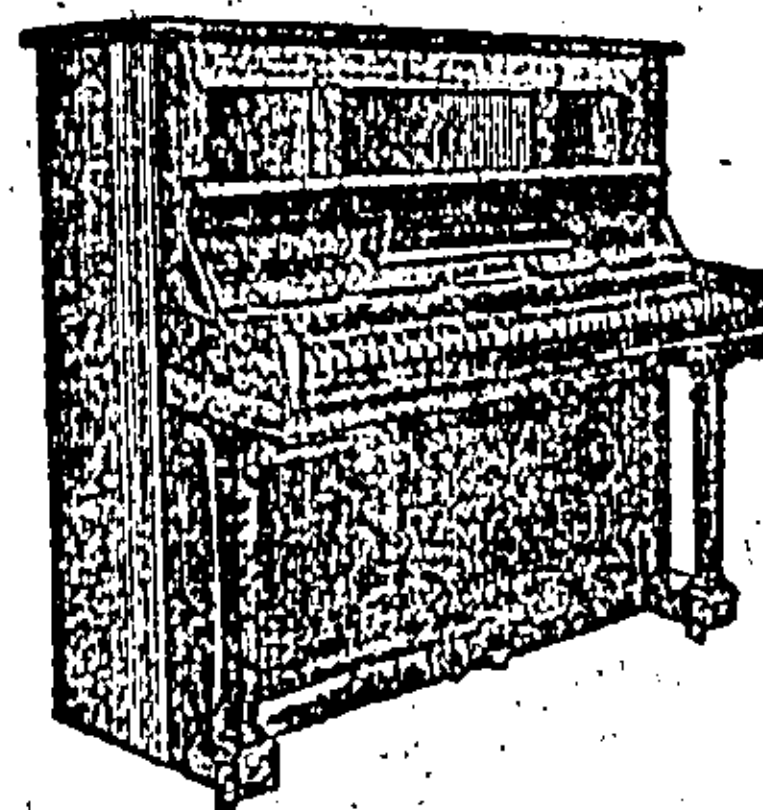
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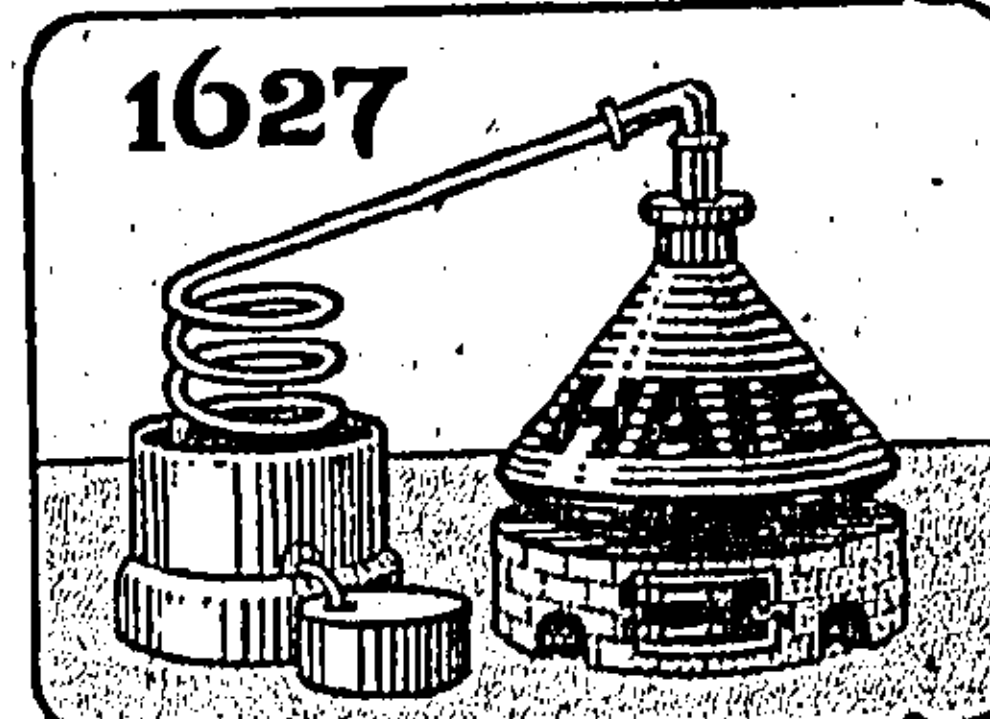
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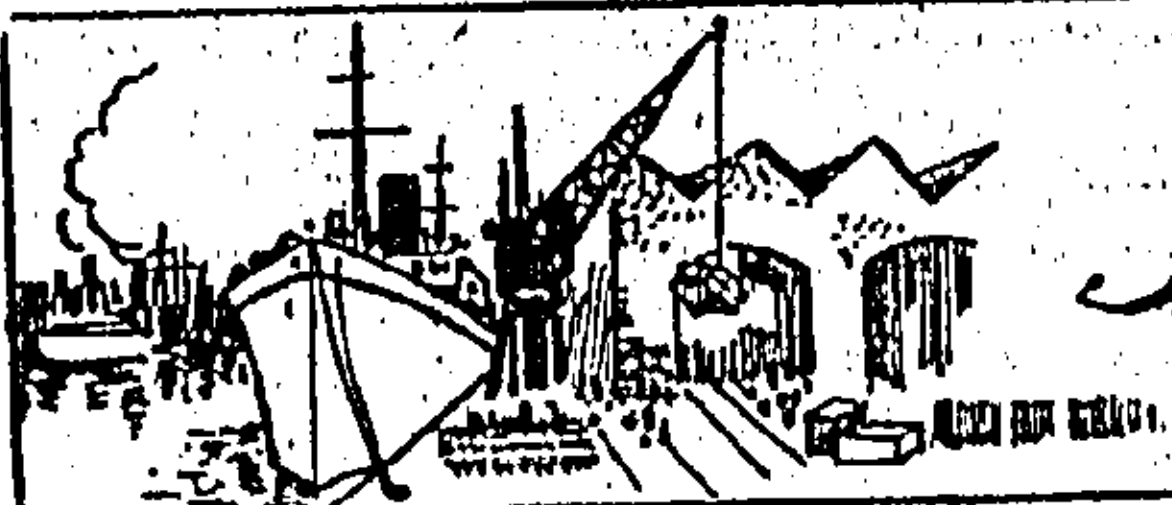
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Mrs. T. de Arrastia.

DEPARTURES.

Per s.s. Taiping for Australia via
ports, November 17:—
Miss J. Abbott, Miss S. W. Arm-
strong, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Biggs,
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Miss Dunlop, Mr. and Mrs. Charles
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November 16:—
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Mrs. Goldkette, Mrs. I. A. Gow.
Mr. Harold Kates; for Calcutta—
Mr. J. M. Alves, Mr. D. S. Passaya-

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120 deg. E.; 00h. is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

November 17 to 23, 1981

DATE		HIGH WATER			LOW WATER		
Nov.		Standard Times		Ht.	Standard Times		Ht.
		H. M.	F.		H. M.	F.	
Tues.	17	01 10	5 7		01 54	5 7	
Wed	18	01 01	6 7	10 42	01 45	5 7	
		19 12	6 7	12 17	02 36	5 7	
Thurs	19	03 10	6 4	11 26	03 26	4 2	
		19 14	6 4	12 40	04 16	4 2	
Fri.	20	14 46	6 6		14 06	4 2	
		14 32	6 6	12 00	15 00	3 2	
Sat.	21	06 10	4 5	10 40	06 40	4 2	
		19 59	4 5	12 31	07 30	4 2	
Sun.	22	07 30	5 3	11 28	08 30	3 2	
		20 05	6 0	13 01	09 30	3 2	
Mon.	23	08 25	5 2	10 10	10 30	3 2	
		20 25	7 2	13 10	11 30	3 2	

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18.		
Foochow	Chinhua	8.30 p.m.
Saigon	Clara Jacobsen	3.30 p.m.
Amoy	Tai Yuan	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Venezia-L	3.30 p.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kong Ning	4 p.m.
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 19.		
Bangkok	Halldor	8.30 a.m.
Amoy and Formosa via Swatow	Deli Maru	8.30 a.m.
Straits	Cremer	10.30 a.m.
Bangkok	Kronvikten	10.50 a.m.
Butavia	Tjileboot	1 p.m.
Sandakan	Hin Sang	1.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hydrangea	3 p.m.

15. Consignees of Cargo ex S.S. Venezia-L are reminded to take delivery of their goods which will be subject to rent after November 23.

Seamew—East wall.
Suffolk—West wall.
Seraph—North wall.
Serapis—North wall.
Somme—North wall.
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Sirdar—Kowloon wharf.
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Emp. of Canada	Dec. 5	Dec. 8		Dec. 10	Dec. 12		Dec. 20
Emp. of Russia	Dec. 18	Dec. 21	Dec. 22	Dec. 24	Dec. 26		Jan. 4
	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932	1932
Emp. of Japan	Jan. 2	Jan. 5	Jan. 7	Jan. 9	Jan. 9		Jan. 17
Emp. of Asia	Feb. 5	Feb. 8	Feb. 9	Feb. 11	Feb. 13		Feb. 22
Emp. of Canada	Feb. 20	Feb. 23		Feb. 25	Feb. 27		Mar. 6
Emp. of Russia	Mar. 4	Mar. 7	Mar. 8	Mar. 10	Mar. 12		Mar. 21
Emp. of Japan	Mar. 15	Mar. 18		Mar. 20	Mar. 22	Mar. 28	Apr. 2
Emp. of Asia	Mar. 25	Mar. 28	Mar. 29	Mar. 31	Apr. 2		Apr. 17
Emp. of Canada	Apr. 9	Apr. 12		Apr. 14	Apr. 16	Apr. 22	Apr. 27
Emp. of Russia	Apr. 22	Apr. 25	Apr. 26	Apr. 28	Apr. 30		May 5
Emp. of Japan	May 1	May 4	May 5	May 7	May 9	May 20	May 25
Emp. of Asia	May 20	May 23	May 24	May 26	May 28	June 4	June 10
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*SOMALI	6,800	25th Dec.	Marseilles, Havre, London, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
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*KARMALA	9,000	16th Jan.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
CHITRAL	15,000	30th Jan.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*KASHMIR	9,000	13th Feb.	Marseilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp.
NALDERA	15,000	27th Feb.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
*SOUDAN	6,800	5th Mar.	Marseilles, London, Havre, Hamburg, Rotterdam, Antwerp & Hull.
CARTHAGE	15,000	12th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	17,000	26th Mar.	Marseilles & London.
CORFU	15,000	9th Apr.	Marseilles & London.
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TILAWA	10,000	4th Dec.	
RAWALPINDI	17,000	4th Dec.	
NANKIN	7,000	7th Dec.	
SANTHA	8,000	18th Dec.	
KARMALA	9,000	18th Dec.	
CHITRAL	15,000	1st Jan.	
TALMA	10,000	3rd Jan.	
NELLORE	7,000	4th Jan.	
*KALYAN	9,000	9th Jan.	
TAKADA	7,000	15th Jan.	
KASHMIR	9,000	15th Jan.	
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Duce Outlines Plans for City Development.

Of none of his achievements, perhaps, is Signor Mussolini prouder than of the very extensive re-planning and betterment scheme that he has been carrying and is still carrying through in Rome.

An important announcement was made by Signor Mussolini at a gathering of domestic and foreign Press representatives called by the Governor of Rome to hear an explanatory statement on Rome's new street plan. What Signor Mussolini said was that on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of the Fascist Revolution—October 10, 1932—which is to be made the occasion of special solemnities, the Italian Royal Academy was going to invite studios people from all over the world to Rome so that they could see how Fascism was displaying the great monuments of Republican and Imperial Rome to better advantage and at the same time rendering the metropolis fitter to fulfil its functions as capital of a great modern State.

Referring to the wholesale demolitions that were taking place, the Duce said they were not to be called iconoclasts because a lot of dirty and unwholesome hovels were being pulled down and their inmates housed in up-to-date hygienic buildings.

Another important announcement made by Signor Mussolini was that Rome is to have a port, and a proper one—a scheme that has defied the efforts of engineers for centuries. This new port is to be laid down at Fiumicino. Fiumicino is a small watering place at the entrance to the most southern arm of the Tiber mouth known as the Fiumicino Channel and about 25 miles from Rome. It enjoys comparative shelter from the libeccio, the south-west wind which along other parts of this coast silts up the sand and spoils harbours. The Emperor Trajan had a harbour there, but it is now a lake two miles inland. Other harbour works, carried out by the Emperor Claudius, are also visible some distance from the present coastline.

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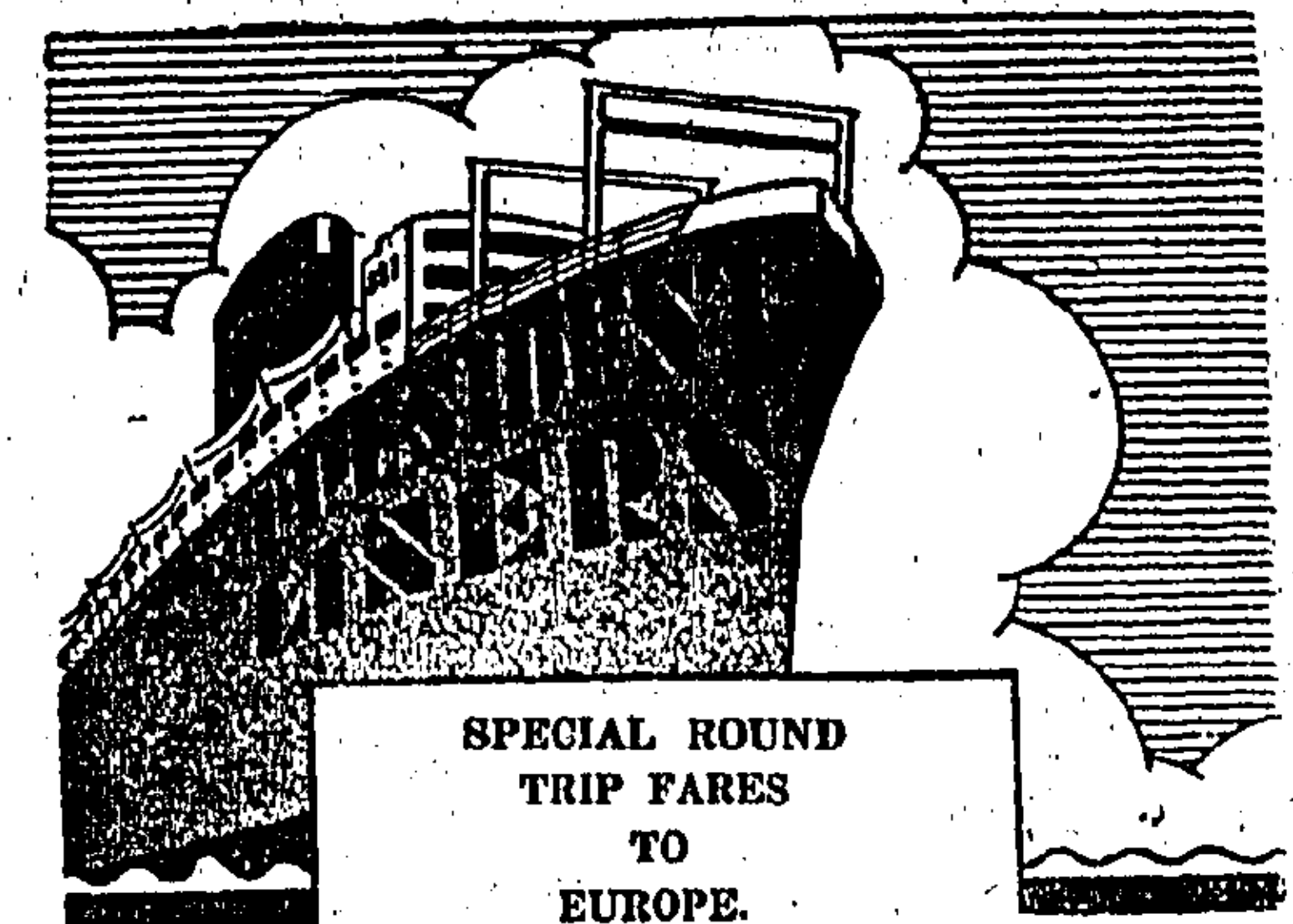
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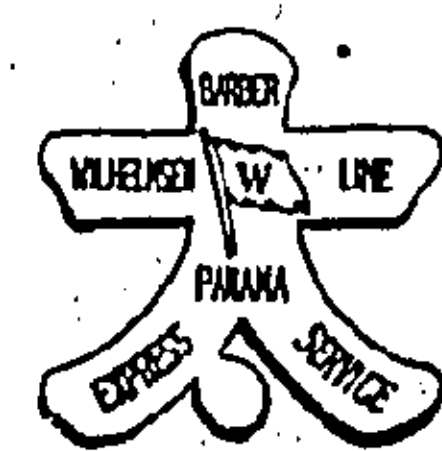
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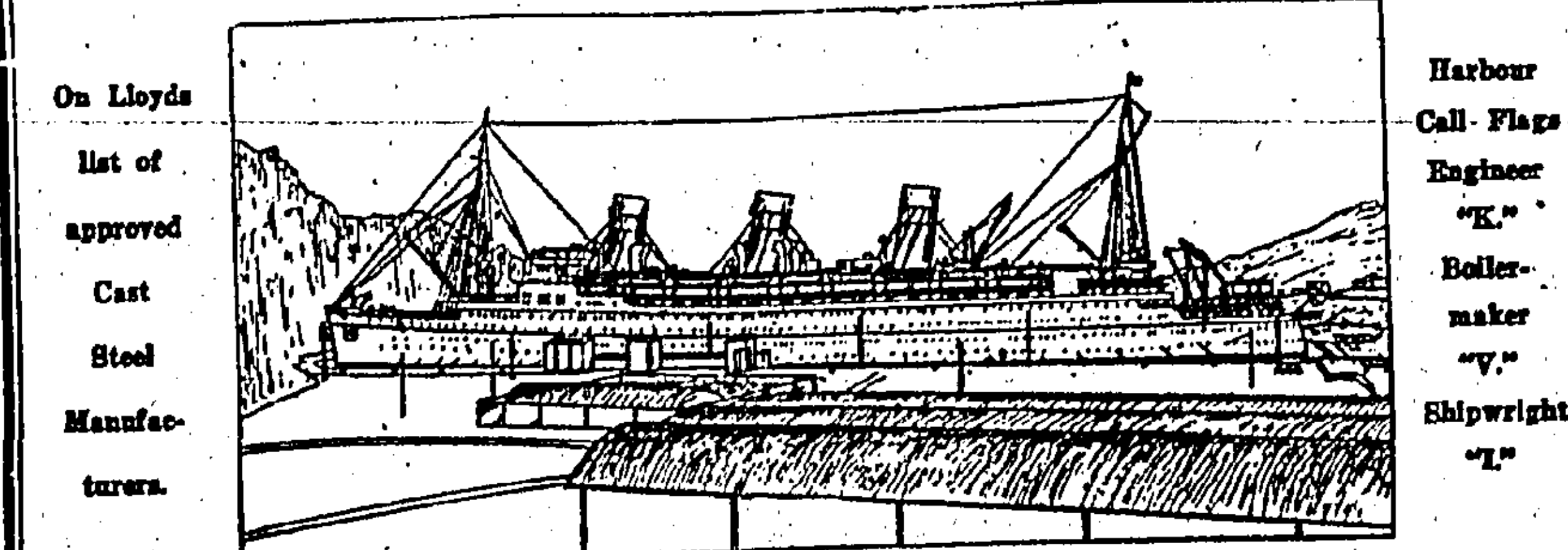
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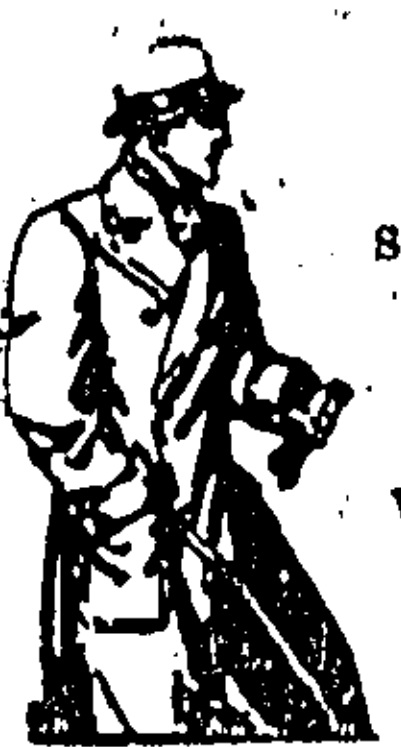
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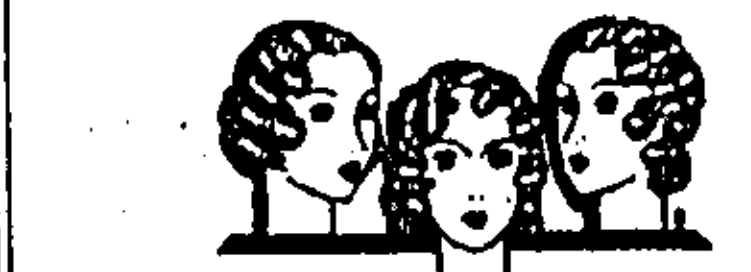


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DENIES DEPRESSION.

Charleston, Oct. 18.
In spite of talk of a world de-
pression, the world is in much bet-
ter condition at the present time
than it has been in the last decade,
Julius Brittlebank, Charleston globe
cruiser, said yesterday when he ar-
rived home from his twelfth trip
around the world. Mr. Brittlebank
was busy yesterday renewing old
acquaintances and preparing to
renew the Winter in Charleston. He
plans to begin his thirteenth tour
of the globe next Spring.

"Almost every time I have cir-
cled the globe, the world seems to
have improved almost 100 per cent,"
Mr. Brittlebank said last night.
"The talk about the depression over
where the head of the family was
the only one working, to-day all the
members of the family are applying
for the dole. They do not want to
work, and when they do manage to
get a job, they break the machine-
ry, and are otherwise careless in
pleasing the money to get there. I
went to the opera at night, and the
only seat I could get was on the
front row.

"Buildings are going up every-
where. A whole London block near
Charing Cross is being rebuilt. A
new \$20,000,000 bridge is being
constructed in Australia. There
are new printing houses in Ceylon,
and in China American moving pic-
ture houses are being located every-
where, and they are being patronized,
too.

Just a Scheme.

"This talk about depression, and
the deflation of the currency of
foreign countries, I think, is just a
scheme to create sentiment in
favour of cancelling the war debt.
The people of these countries are
getting along better than they ever
have before.

"The American dollar has made
gold and silver commodities. Every-
body wants it, and if you have it,
you can get anything. In Hong
Kong they were only too glad to
give me silver for American dol-
lars, but when I wanted to

change some of it back into Ameri-
can dollars, they wouldn't do it.
The East Indies use the American
dollar, in preference to the Eng-
lish pound, because it is a reasonably
small unit, it can be hidden in the
clothes and can readily be converted
into anything.

"So long as congress does not
allow the American dollar to be
tampered with, this condition will
continue. But just as surely as
President Hoover begins to fool
with it, trouble will result.
Hoover made a mistake with cotton
and grain, and he will make the
same mistake if he meddles with the
dollar. The middle man always
makes the profit in such cases.

"The British dole system is re-
sponsible for a large part of
Britain's trouble at the present time.
Men who before the war were wil-
ling to work for a living are now
keeping out of work and demand-
ing the dole. Not only that, but
the head of the family was the
only one working, to-day all the
members of the family are applying
for the dole. They do not want to
work, and when they do manage to
get a job, they break the machine-
ry, and are otherwise careless in
pleasing the money to get there. I
went to the opera at night, and the
only seat I could get was on the
front row.

"Gang Doesn't Want It."
"The Government can get rid of
the dole whenever it wants to, but,
of course, just like in an election
here, the gang doesn't want it, be-
cause the gang is all out for the
cash.

"Another thing which I have
noticed in travelling about, is that
the top is coming down, and the bot-
tom is going up. The people who
formerly stayed at only the best
hotels, and wanted only the high-
est priced things, are to-day sat-
isfied with things which are practi-
cally as good, but which cost less.
In the same way the lower classes
are constantly lifting their stan-
dards of living.

"This year more people than ever
have been travelling student class on
trans-Atlantic liners. The second
class coaches on the European
trains are filled, and the smaller
hotels are widely patronized. More
people are also travelling by buses.
People of the lower classes every-
where are enjoying things that they
never thought of twenty years
ago.

As an illustration of the manner
in which the East is progressing,
Mr. Brittlebank told of the modern
newspaper plans which now are in
existence in that portion of the
world. In Ceylon, he said, his pic-
ture was taken by a photographer
and in a few hours the papers car-
rying it were off of the presses of
the newspaper plant.

In his last trip around the world,
Mr. Brittlebank visited successively
Chicago, San Francisco, Honolulu,
Japan, China, the Philippines, the
Malay States, Ceylon, Egypt, Italy,
France and Britain.

DRAGONS AND OTHERS.

I have just purchased a new
dragon. I feel rather pleased with
myself. He has a benign expres-
sion, for a dragon, and will without
a doubt be considerably more popu-
lar with callers than was his feroc-
ious-faced predecessor who was
almost disintegrated beyond all hope
of reassembly when a reckless duster
brushed him from his pedestal in
the middle of my mantelpiece,
writes P. P. S. in the Christian
Science Monitor.

Now, buying a brass dragon, or a
china dragon, or even a cardboard
dragon, is no frivolous occupation.
On the contrary it is a thing of im-
mense potentialities, an onerous al-
beit an honourable task, and one
which cannot properly be assumed
without appropriate regard for the
probable consequences. The acquir-
ing of a porcelain cat, or a plaster
dog, or a little wooden horse would
seem to be of but slight importance
by comparison, for the presence of
their originals in the world of man
at this time precludes all likelihood
of illusion on the part of the rising
generation concerning their actual
appearance; but a real dragon one
seldom encounters, even after dark,
and it is doubtful if more than a
mere handful of persons in the
world to-day could testify with any
degree of accuracy to the form,
habits or peculiarities of the dragon
family.

I would not for a moment convey
the impression that I am in the
least disturbed over the dearth in
dragons, nor would I turn if I could
the wheels of civilisation back for
the pleasure of witnessing the gam-
bols of the stegosaurus, or gazing
on the young of the pterodactyl, or
my lawn, especially in view of
my recently completed flower beds.
But a serious aspect of the situation
exists, an aspect which I feel it im-
cumbent upon me to point out, tak-

HONG KONG MARKET PRODUCE.

Nov. 12, June, June,

Nov. 12, June, June,

Butcher Meat.

			1911.	1918.	1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Beef Sirloin	牛尾肥	lb.	33	24	13
Prime Cut	肥牛	"	30	23	11
Corned	咸牛肉	"	23	12	
Roast	肥牛	"	33	24	22
Breast	牛腩	"	30	20	18
Soup	牛腩	"	27	20	18
Steak	牛腩	"	33	24	22
Steak Sirloin	牛腩	"	46	30	35
Sausages	牛腩	"	36	26	20
Bullock's Brains	牛腩	per set	17	10	12
Tongue, fresh	牛腩	each	75	60	60
Tongue, corned	牛腩	"	60		
Head	牛腩	lb.	\$1.20	\$1.20	
Heart	牛腩	lb.	24	18	14
Hump, Salt	牛腩	"	20	18	
Feet	牛腩	each	12	10	12
Kidneys	牛腩	"	15	10	12
Tail	牛腩	"	27	20	22
Liver	牛腩	lb.	24	18	14
Tripe	牛腩	"	8	6	7
Calves' Head & Feet	牛仔頭脚	set	\$1.50	\$1.00	\$1.00
Mutton Chop	羊腩	lb.	44	28	
Leg	羊腩	"	44	28	
Shoulder	羊腩	"	40	24	
Saddle	羊腩	"	44		
Pig's Chittlings	猪腩	Per set	8		
Brains	猪腩	lb.	18	15	
Feet	猪腩	"	30	15	18
Fry	猪腩	"	20	20	
Head	猪腩	each	18	10	10
Heart	猪腩	"	15	10	3
Kidneys	猪腩	lb.	48	30	24
Liver	猪腩	"	40	25	23
Pork Chop	猪腩	"	42		
Leg	猪腩	"	45	60	70
Loin	猪腩	"	26	21	
Fat or Lard	猪腩	"	60	60	70
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊頭脚	set	12	8	7
Heart	羊腩	"	15	12	10
Kidneys	羊腩	"	45	26	25
Liver	羊腩	lb.	25	25	23
Sucking Pigs, to order	乳猪	"	80	20	18
Suet, Beef	牛牛油	"	36	26	26
Mutton	羊牛油	"	22	20	20
Venl	猪牛油	"	28		
Sausages	牛牛油	"	82		
No. 1		"			

Fish.

			1911.	1918.	1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Barbel	魚	lb.	48	16	24
Bream	魚	"	38	20	16
Canton Fresh Water	魚	"	38		
Carp	魚	"	40	13	16
Catfish	魚	"	42	16	27
Codfish	魚	"	42	12	9
Crabs	魚	"	58	16	17
Cuttle Fish	魚	"	24	23	26
Dab	魚	"	26	16	27
Dace	魚	"	56	23	16
Dog Fish	魚	"	20	10	
Eels, Conger	魚	"	62	10	8
Fresh Water	魚	"	60	16	
Yellow	魚	"	56	10	8
Frogs	魚	"	84	26	30
Garoupa	魚	"	90	32	25
Gudgeon	魚	"	24	40	30
Herrings	魚	"	35	22	18
Halibut	魚	"	40	13	23
Labrus	魚	"	28	18	15
Loach	魚	"	76	22	13
Lobsters	魚	"	68	62	24
Mackerel	魚	"	48	32	21
Monk Fish	魚	"	53	20	20
Mullet	魚	"	42	13	2
Oysters	魚	"	42	12	2
Pearl Fish	魚	"	28	14	9
Perch	魚	"	28	30	15
Pike	魚	"	46	16	9
Plaice	魚	"	54	36	29
Pomfret, White	魚	"	58	36	30
Pomfret, Black	魚	"	40	36	45
Prawns	魚	"	62	10	14
Ray	魚	"	26	10	14
Rock Fish	魚	"	26	13	13
Roach	魚	"	38	22	10
Salmon	魚	"	56	36	30
Shark	魚	"	20	8	10
Skate	魚	"	20	10	10
Shrimps	魚	"	56	38	30
Snapper	魚	"	52	28	23
Soles	魚	"	40	22	23
Tench	魚	"	40	26	35
Turbot	魚	"	40	12	12
Turtles, small fr. water	魚	"	1.50	40	

Poultry.

			1911.	1918.	1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Chicken	雞	lb.	60	30	31
Capons, Small	雞	"	60	28	30
Capons, Large	雞	"	60	28	30
Ducks	雞	"	60	22	21
Doves	雞	each	30	22	21
Eggs, Hen (cooking)	雞	doz.	40	18	
Eggs, Hen (fresh)	雞	"	45	25	20
Fowls, Canton	雞	lb.	72	30	24
Fowls, Hainan	雞	"	52	35	24
Geese	雞	"	50	24	24
Pigeons, Canton	雞	each	50	30	
Holow	雞	"	40	28	
Turkeys, Cock	雞	lb.	95		
Turkeys, Hen	雞	"	75	61	45
Snipe	雞	each	30		
Pheasant	雞	pair	3.50		
Quail	雞	each	25		
Partridges	雞	"	1.20		

Fruits.

			1911.	1918.	1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Almonds	杏仁	lb.	90	35	
Apples (California)	金山蘋果	"	32	26	
Bananas (bridge's)	橋山香蕉	"	8	4	
Carambola	楊桃	"	20	12	
Cocoanuts	椰子	each	14	10	10
Lemons, China	檸檬	lb.	12	25	30
Lemons (American)	金山檸檬	each	18		
Lichees, Dried	荔枝干	lb.	1.00	25	30
Oranges (Canton)	新會甜橙	"	16		
Oranges	橙	"	12	15	
Pears (Canton)	沙梨	"	36		
Peanuts	花生	"	14	10	12
Persimmons, Large	紅柿	"	16	12	
Plantain	大蕉	"	5	8	
Pumelo, Siam	大柚	each	16	12	6
Walnuts	核桃	lb.	30		16
Grapes	葡萄	"	70		

Vegetables, &c.

			1911.	1918.	1914.
			Cts.	Cts.	Cts.
Artichokes	菜花	each	12		3
Beans, Sprout	豆苗	lb.	8		7
" Long	豆苗	"	16		8
Beet Root	甜菜根	"	20		
Bitter Squash	苦瓜	"	8	24	
Brinjals, Green	青瓜	"	8	5	3
" Red	紅瓜	"	8	5	3
Cabbage, Chinese	菜心	"	10		
(Shanghai)	上海菜心	"	16	12	
Cane Shoots, bunch	菜苗	"	4		
Caiflower (Large)	大花椰菜	each			
(Medium)	中花椰菜	"			
(Small)	小花椰菜	"			
Carrots	金菜	lb.	16	5	6
Celery, Chinese	菜心	"	16	10	
Chillies, Dried	紅辣椒	"	18	25	
" Red	紅辣椒	"	14	10	1
" Green	綠辣椒	"	8	8	1
Curry Stuff, English	菜苗	"	10	8	
Cucumbers	青瓜	"	8	2	
Garlic	蒜頭	"	8	6	
Ginger, Young	薑苗	"	10	7	
" Old	老薑	"	8	20	
Horseradish, Shanghai	菜苗	"	60	8	
Indian Corn	玉米	"		45	
Lettuce	生菜	"	8	1	
Water Chestnuts	荸薺	"	12		
Mandarin	桂馬蹄	"	14		
Mushrooms, Fresh	鮮草	"			
Okroes	菜苗	"	16	1	1
Onions, Bombay	洋蔥	"	12	8	
" Green	綠蔥	"	6	4	
" Shanghai	上海蔥	"	10	6	
Parsley	芹苗	"	23	60	
Potato, Sweet	甘薯	"	5	8	
" Japanese	日本薯	"		3	
" American	金山薯	"	8	3	
Pumpkin	南瓜	"	5	4	
Radish	紅蘿蔔	"			
Rhubarb (Fresh)	大干兒	"	8		
Shallots	蔥苗	"	8	8	
Spinach	菠菜	"	12	4	
Tomatoes	番茄	"	6	7	
Taro	芋頭	"	6	6	
Turnips, Puntl (Long)	蘿蔔	"	9	4	
Vegetable Marrow	西芹	"	15	15	
Water Cress	水芹	"	6	15	
Water Lily Root	蓮	"			

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Work of Society in
Colony.

HEAVY CALLS ON FUNDS.

In view of the approach of the 48th annual "Al Fresco Fete" which is to be held on December 6, the Central Council present a statement of accounts for the year 1930 and a report of the Society's work during the first nine months of 1931. The net proceeds of the "Our Poor Day" Sale of Roses and the Fete held last December amounted to \$12,436.54, an increase of \$754.55 on the 1929 figures.

Relief in Money and Provisions.

During the nine months January to September, 1931, the Society has contributed to the maintenance of 147 families, comprising 215 persons, to whom assistance has been given irrespective of race, nationality or creed. 1037 visits have been made to the poor in their homes during the same period.

The expenditure for the nine months was \$5,350 as against \$5,058.75 during the same period in 1930.

The Society has also during the first nine months of 1931 expended \$97 in providing shoes and clothing for poor children and \$90 in medical aid.

Housing Accommodation.

In consequence of the continued trade depression there is a large amount of unemployment in the Colony, and as a consequence the question of the housing of the poor still causes the Society no little anxiety.

The expenditure under this head during the whole of 1930, amounted to \$1,974.28, while for the nine months January to September, 1931, the expenditure was \$1,664.56 of which \$209.22 represents grants made in special cases of temporary destitution.

The Society maintains a 4-storey building, No. 23 Kwong Ming Street, for the purpose of housing a number of poor families who are there provided with more healthy and sanitary quarters than they could, even with assistance from the Society, find in the cheaper and overcrowded districts of the City.

Education of Poor Children.

This has always been one of the first works of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul all over the world. It is the policy of the Hong Kong Council to afford to Chinese poor children every facility for acquiring a useful knowledge of their own language. Those who have successfully completed a five years course in Chinese are, according to their aptitude, either taught a trade or sent to St. Joseph's College for an English education.

The Society's vernacular School—the Kai Lap School at Wanchai—continues to be successfully conducted. During the nine months January to September, 1931, the Society granted to this school a subsidy of \$460. During the same period \$74.50 was paid in school fees for poor girls attending the Tak Ying School for Girls, also at Wanchai, and \$216 to St. Louis Industrial School for boys who are there being taught various trades.

From January to September, 1931, the expenditure on poor chil-

DARING ARMED ROBBERY.

Women Victimised in
Canton Road.

BOOTY OF \$400.

A daring armed robbery occurred this morning on the second floor of 330, Canton Road, Kowloon. There were only four women on the floor at the time, and a certain amount of violence was used on them by the intruders, four men, all of whom were armed with knives. The men decamped, after stripping the women of all the jewellery they were wearing. The value of their booty is stated to be \$400. They made good their escape before the scared women recovered sufficiently to raise an alarm.

FAIRLY GENERALLY.

The Royal Observatory's report issued this morning says: The anti-cyclone over China has strengthened considerably.

There is no information concerning the Guam typhoon.

Forecast: N.E. winds, fresh; fair generally.

Typhoon Warning.

The following telegram was received from the Manila Observatory by the American Consulate-General this forenoon:—Manila Nov. 18, 11.10 a.m. Typhoon in about 142 degrees Long. E., 11 degrees Lat. N., moving W.N.W.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m. to-day nil. Total since January 1, 75.83 inches against an average of 81.48 inches—deficit 5.65 inches.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:—

Hong Kong	68
Macao	63
Pratas Island	72
Pochoy	66
Amy	65
Chefoo	34
Shanghai	68
Manila	76

droon-English schools was \$2,260, an increase of \$754.55 over the expenditure for the first nine months of 1930.

Under the head of education the Society spent during the nine months January to September, 1931, \$494.30 for books and stationery, and \$93 on tram, bus and ferry fares for poor children living at a distance from school.

The total expenditure on education in 1930 was \$3,916.01, an increase of \$1,297.44.

General.

Owing to the heavy calls on the Society's funds and the consequent unfavourable financial position in which the Society was placed, it was found necessary last April to form a special Finance Committee consisting of the President of the Central Council and the Presidents of the three district Conferences. This Committee meets once in each

(Continued at foot of next Column.)

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

Quietly Steady This
Morning.

PROFIT TAKING.

The official summary issued by the Stock Exchange to-day states: The market opens quietly steady and in some instances lower rates were established, due to profit-taking.

There were Sales of the following stocks:—

H. K. Lands at \$80½.
Ewos at \$15.20/\$16½.
China Lights at \$27½.
Dairy Farms at \$28½.
H. K. Amusements \$19.

There were Buyers of the following stocks:—

Banks at \$1.656.
Unions at \$430.
Underwriters at \$4½.
Raubs at \$42½.
Wharves at \$150.
Providents (old) at \$5.10.
Providents (new) at \$2.30.
Hotels (old) at \$14.30.
Hotels (new) at \$14.30.
H. K. Lands at \$80.
Humphreys (old) at \$17½.
Ewos at \$15.10.
Trams at \$21.
Star Ferries at \$39.
China Lights at \$27½.
H. K. Electric at \$75½.
H. K. Government Loan at \$2 per cent. premium.

There were sellers of the following stocks:—

Venezuelan Goldfields at \$2½.
Hotels (old) at \$15.
H. K. Lands at \$80½.
H. K. Realities at \$12.
Trams at \$21½.
China Lights at \$27½.
Watsons at \$16.
Constructions (new) at \$2.40.

FINANCIAL TIMES ON OUR CURRENCY REPORT.

London, Yesterday.

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month, and carefully scrutinises every item of the Society's expenditure. Unfortunately, the low state of the Society's funds has rendered it necessary to refuse assistance to many deserving cases during this year, and in September the Central Council was most reluctantly compelled to bring into force a general reduction in all grants to poor under the Society's care. It is earnestly hoped that the response of the ever generous public of Hong Kong to this year's appeals—"Our Poor Day" on December 2 and the Bazaar on December 6—will relieve the Society from the painful necessity of refusing assistance to really needy and deserving cases during the coming year.

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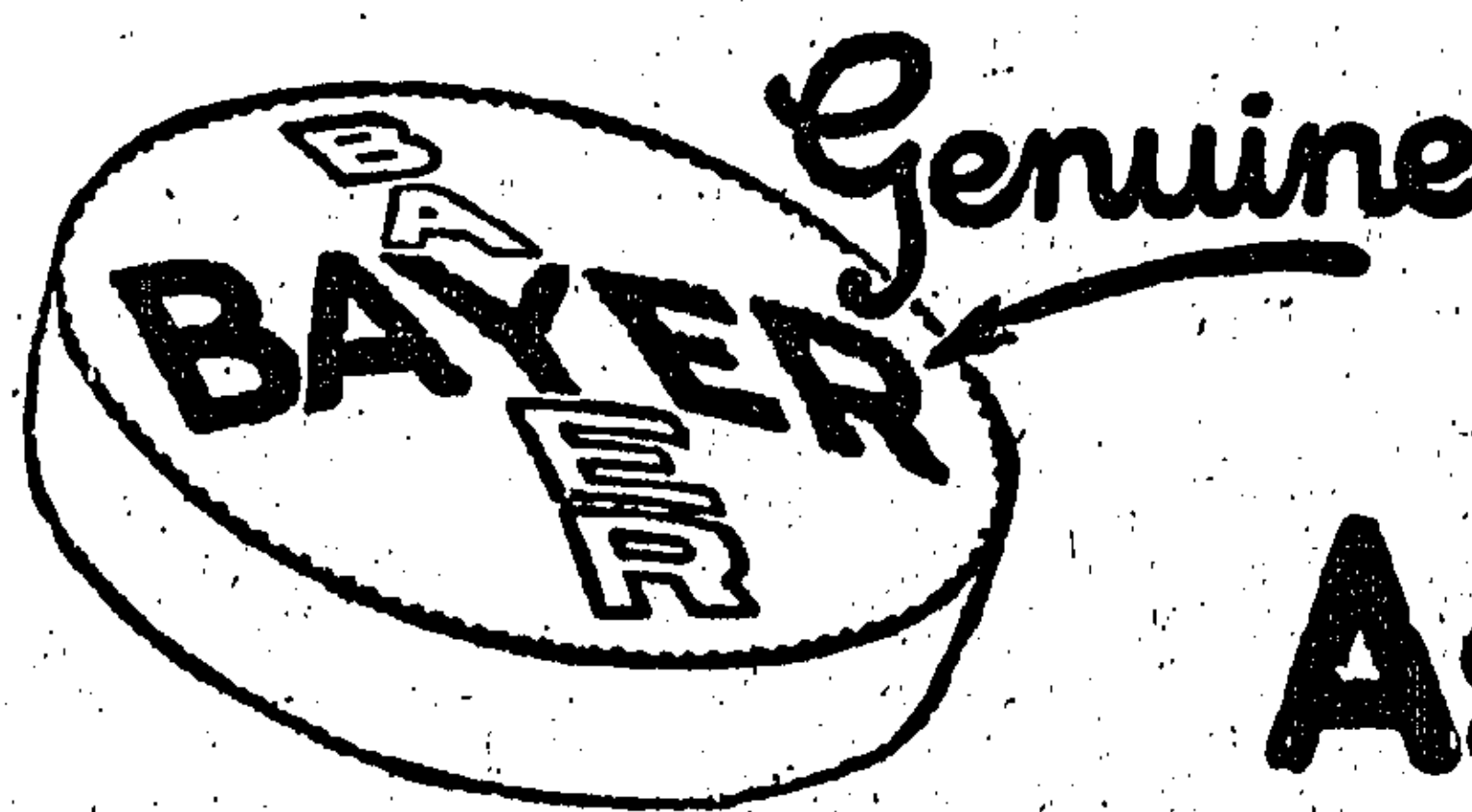
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